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volume 12

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This is the famous Heiyu of Funbari Hill.
Yoh and Anna usually do their shopping here...
That's it!!!
—*Hiroyuki Takei*

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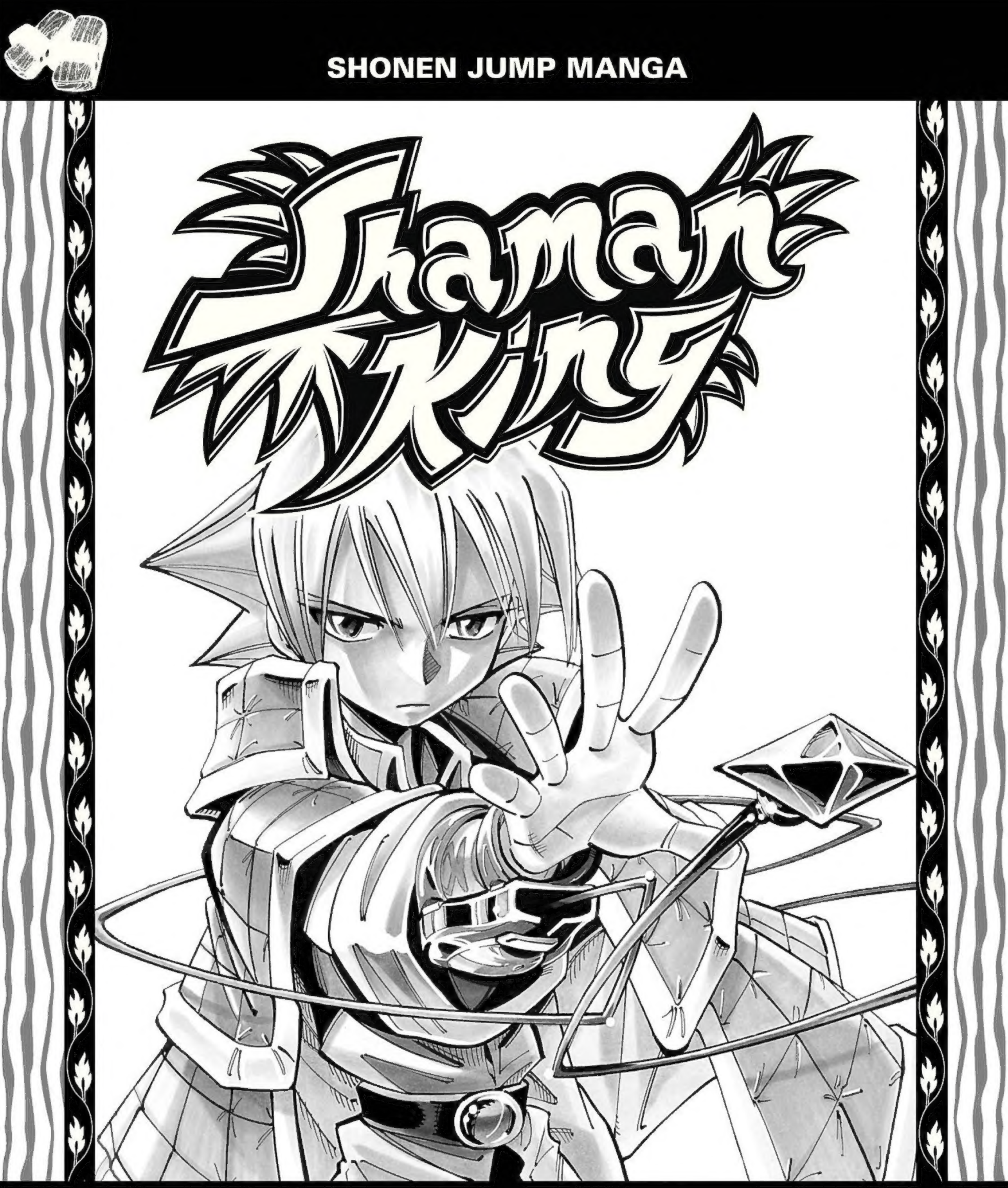

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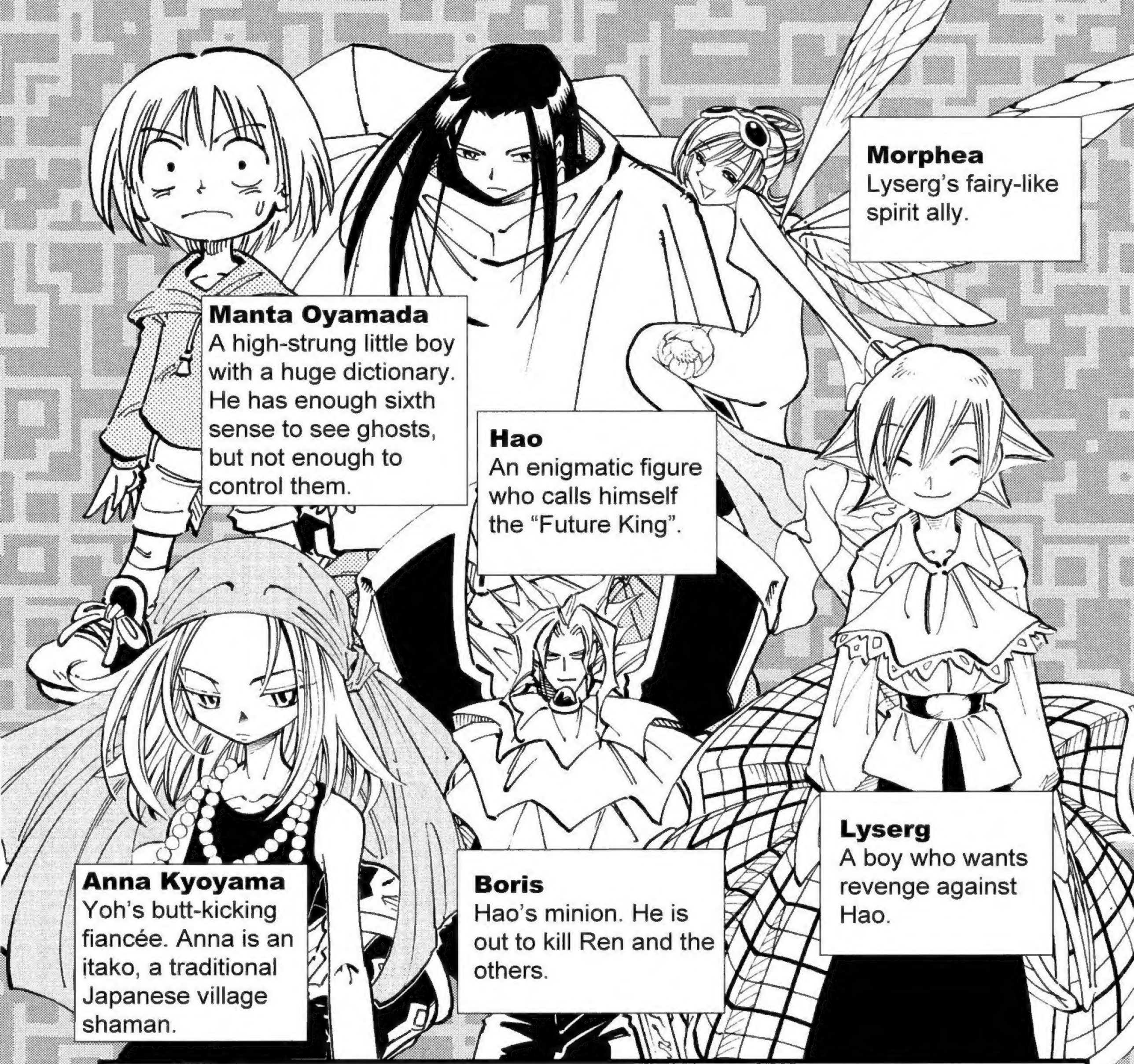
CHARACTERS
Bason
Ren's spirit ally is the ghost of a fearsome warlord from ancient China.
Amidamaru
"The Fiend" Amidamaru was, in life, a samurai of such skill and ferocity that he was a veritable a one-man army. Now he is Yoh's loyal, yet formidable, spirit ally.
Tao Ren
A powerful shaman and the scion of the ruthless Tao Family, Ren was formerly Yoh's most bitter rival. Now an uneasy friendship has grown between them.
Yoh Asakura
Outwardly carefree and easygoing, Yoh bears a great responsibility as the heir to a long line of Japanese shamans.
Kororo
Horohoro's spirit ally is one of the little nature spirits that the Ainu call Koropokkur.
Tokagero
The ghost of a bandit slain by Amidamaru. He is now Ryu's spirit ally.
Horohoro
An Ainu shaman whose Over Soul looks like a snowboard.
"Wooden Sword" Ryu
On a quest to find his Happy Place. Along the way, he became a shaman.



THE STORY THUS FAR

Yoh Asakura not only sees dead people, he talks and fights with them, too. That's because Yoh is a shaman, a traditional holy man able to interact with the spirit world. Yoh is now a competitor in the "Shaman Fight," a tournament held every 500 years to decide who will become the Shaman King and shape humanity's future.

The main competition begins with all the participants being dropped (literally) into the wilds of the American Southwest and told to make their own way to the Patch Village. Lyserg, a boy with a grudge against Hao, joins Yoh and his friends along the way. But before they reach their destination, Hao's minion Boris attacks, and "Wooden Sword" Ryu displays a side of himself the others have never seen...

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Reincarnation 99: Legend of the Impaler

CHAVEZ

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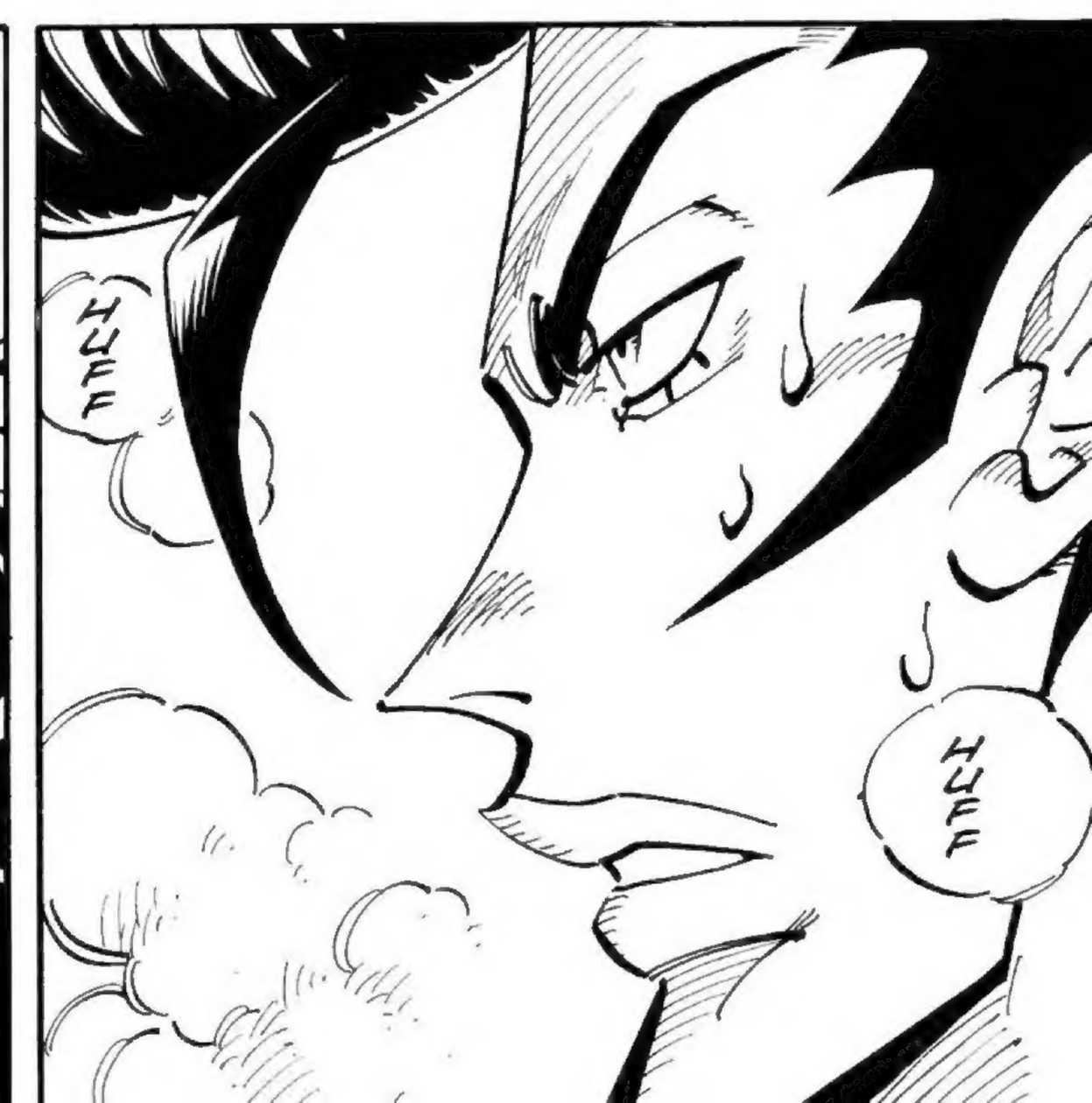
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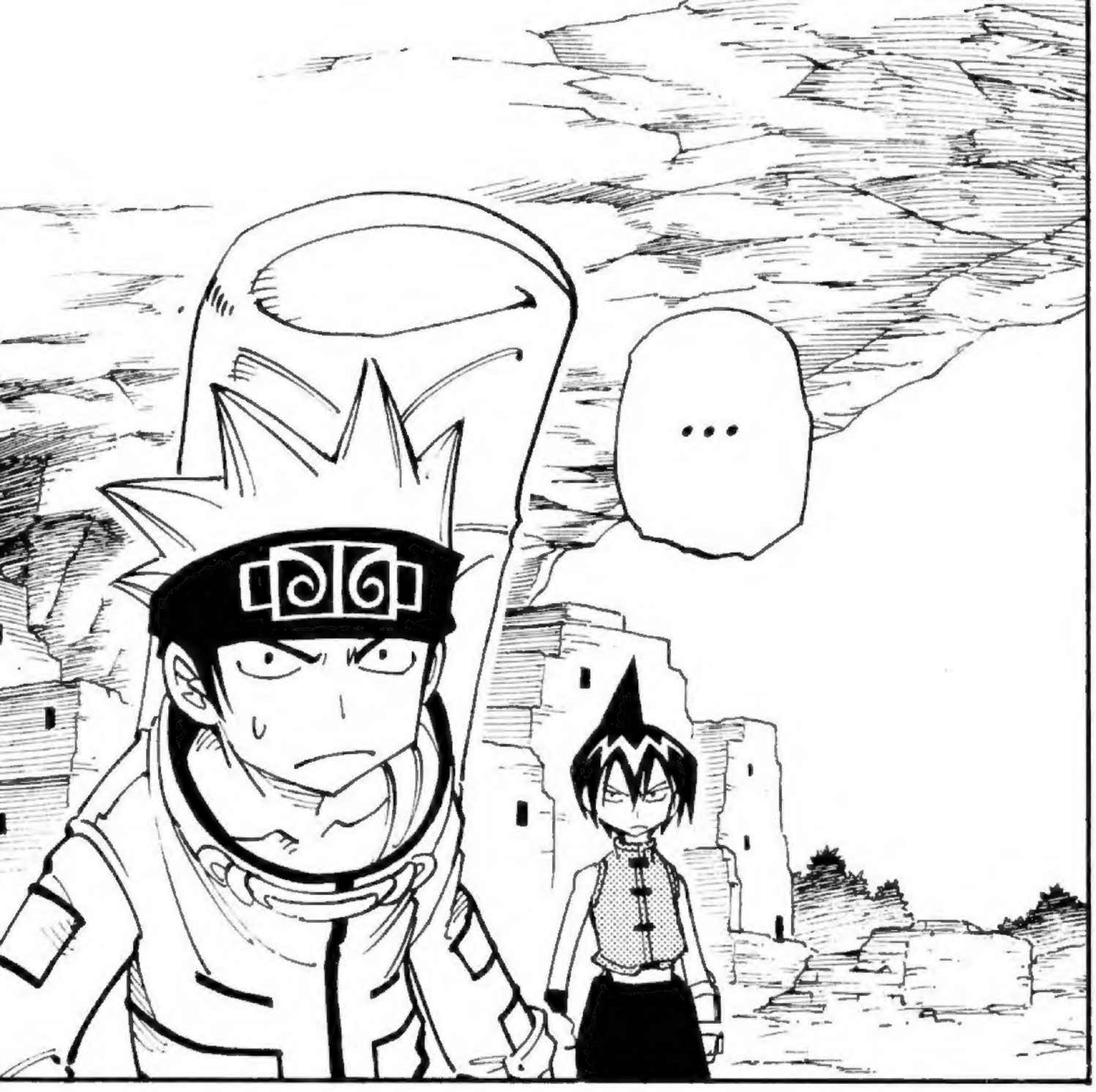
HUFF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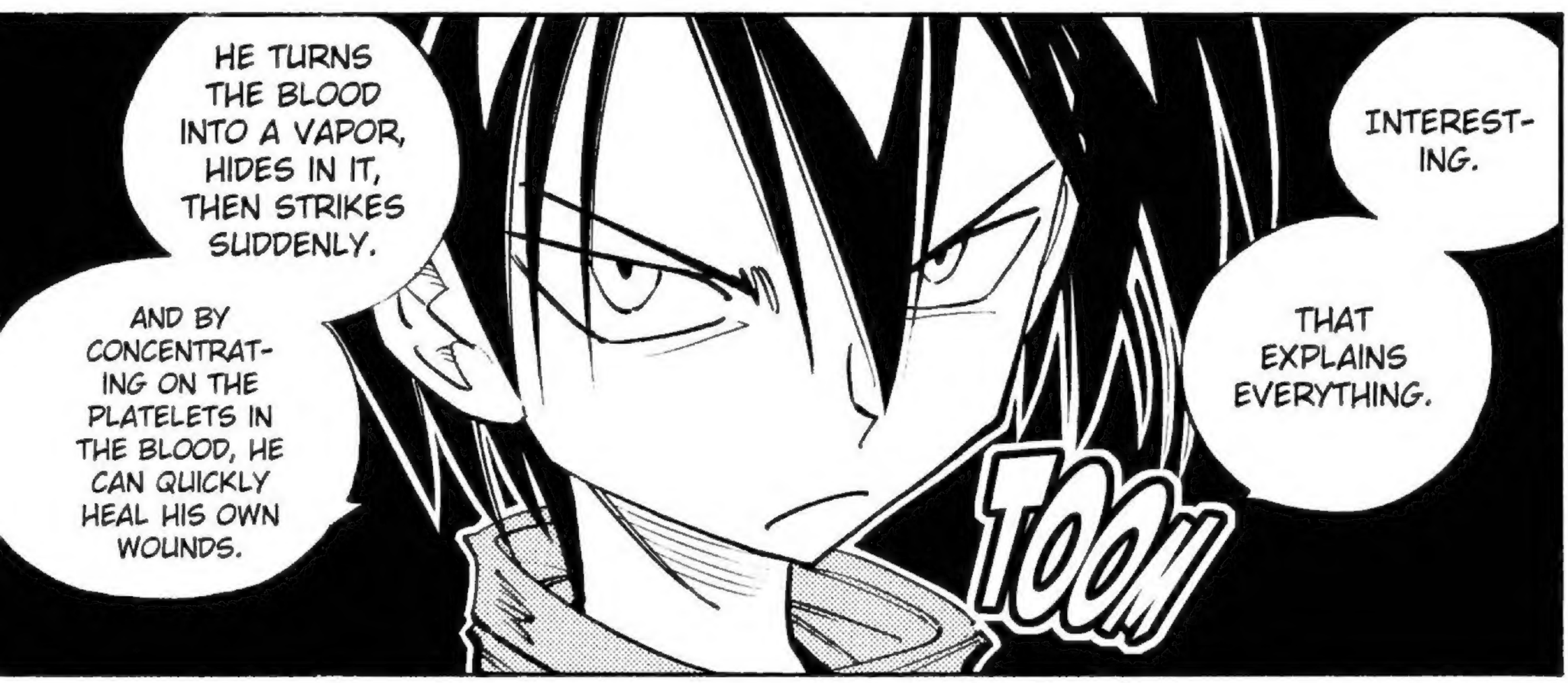
KLAK
KLAK
WHO ARE THESE WEIRDOES?
WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?
WUMM
WUMM

...WHO USES BLOOD AS HIS MEDIUM?
POOF
A SHAMAN ...

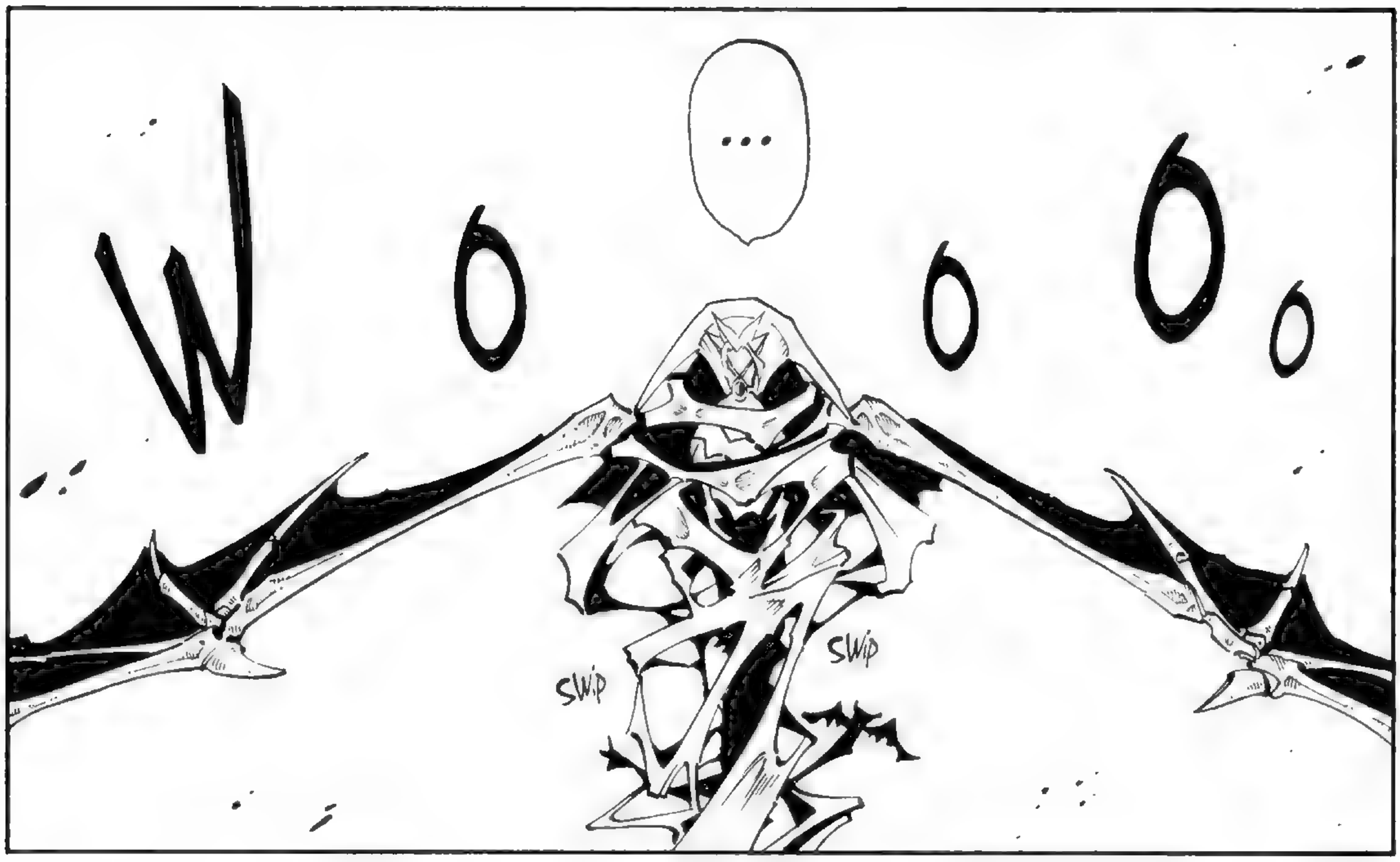

HE TURNS THE BLOOD INTO A VAPOR, HIDES IN IT, THEN STRIKES SUDDENLY.
AND BY CONCENTRATING ON THE PLATELETS IN THE BLOOD, HE CAN QUICKLY HEAL HIS OWN WOUNDS.
INTERESTING.
THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING.
TOOM

SO NOW IT'S HIS TURN, I'D SAY.
YES.
SO EVEN THOUGH THOSE BAT GHOSTS ARE FLYING AROUND, WHAT'S CONTROLLING LYSERG IS...

...THE SO-CALLED VAMPIRE HUNTER BLAMURO, TO SHOW UP.

IT'S TIME FOR BORIS'S SPIRIT ALLY...

Reincarnation 99: Legend of the Impaler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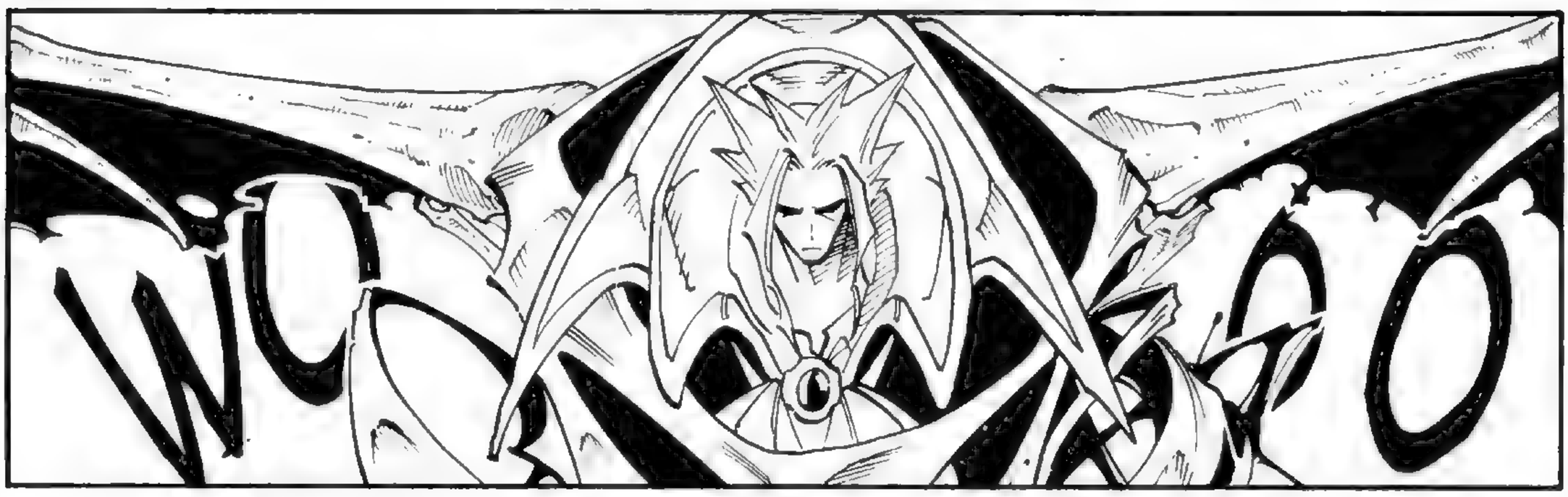


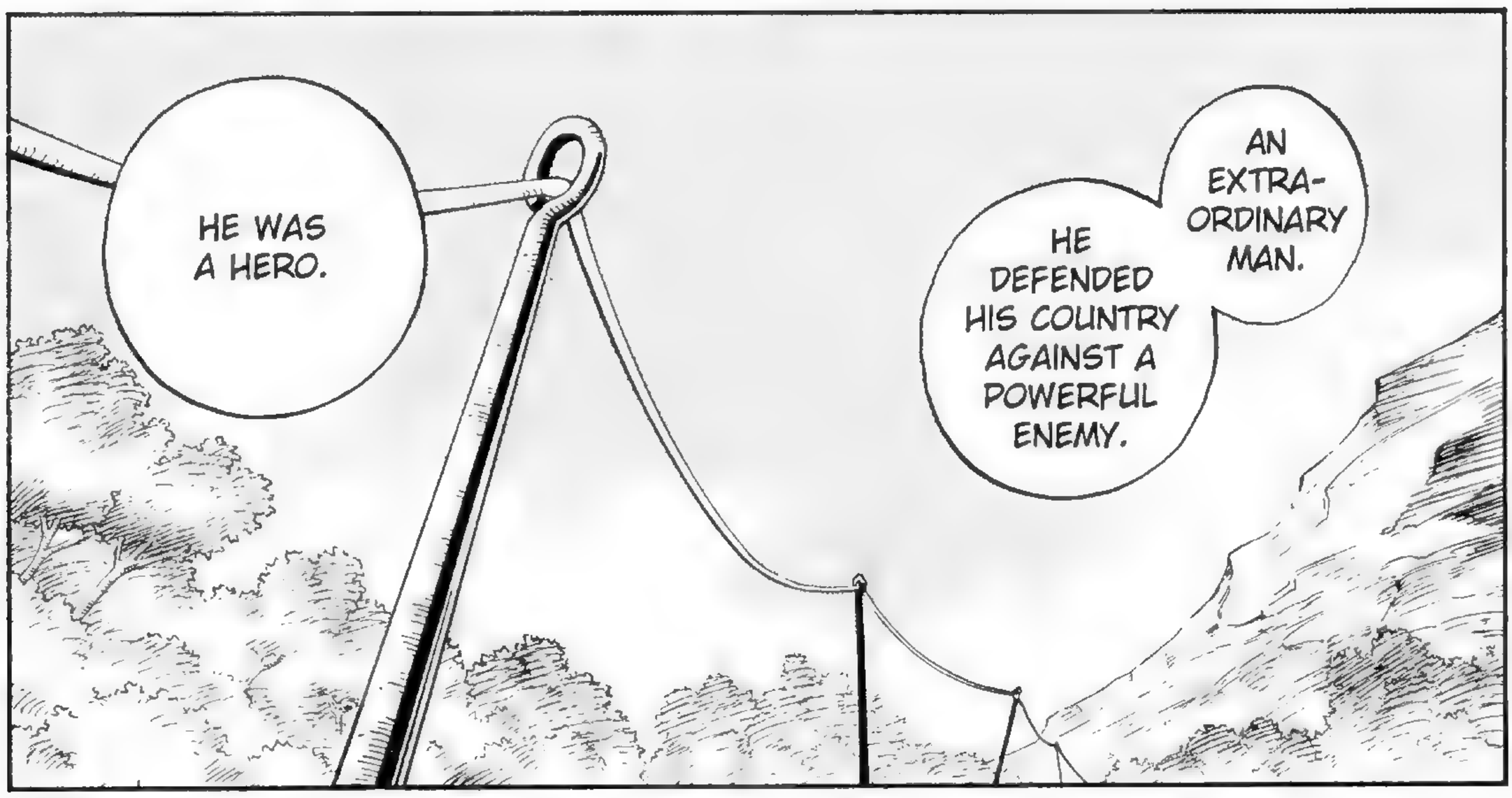
SWUMP

...
WOOO

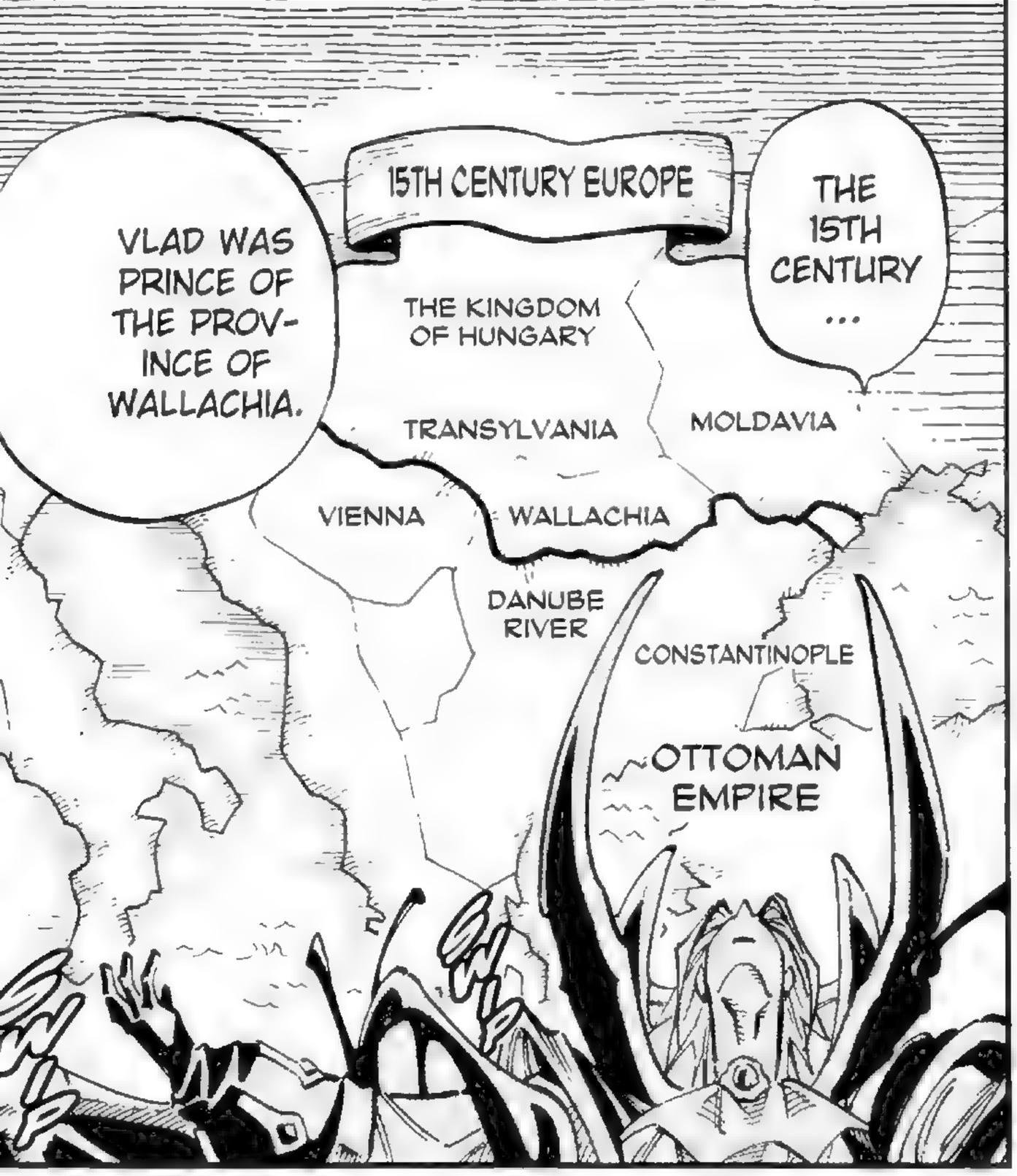
WOO
...

WO
...

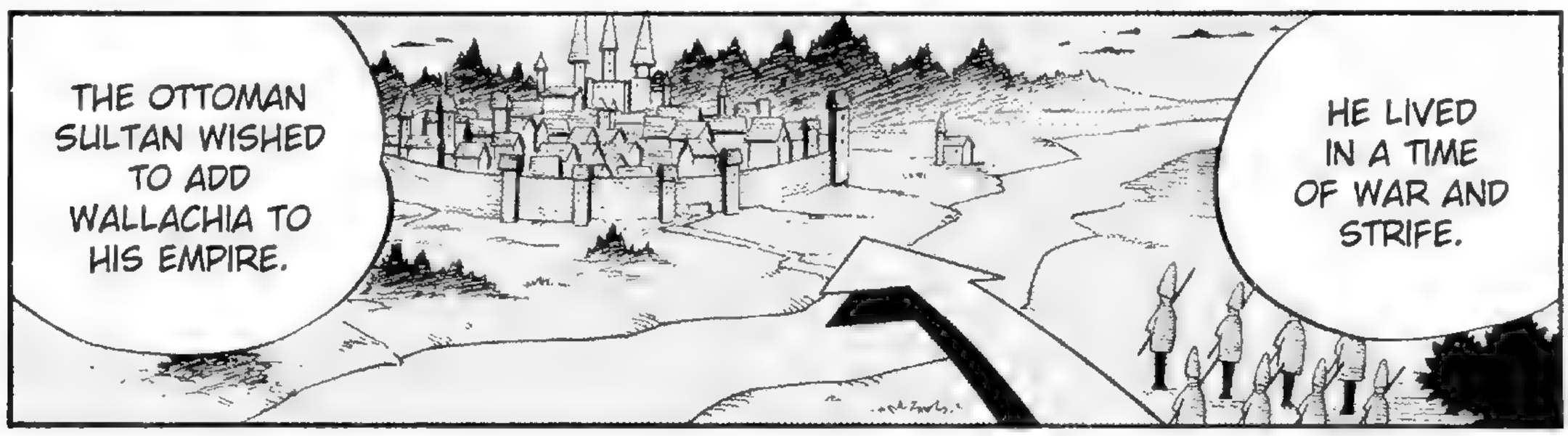
ZOOM
SWIP
SWIP
I CAN'T ATTACK YOU WHILE YOU'RE UP THERE!! ARE YOU SAD BECAUSE I FIGURED YOU OUT OR WHAT?!
SHUFF
SHUFF
THOOM
CUT THE HAMLET ROUTINE, BAT-BUTT!



...DEFAMED HIS MEMORY AND BRANDED HIM A VAMPIRE!!
NEVER-THELESS, FOOLISH PEOPLE WITH SMALL, NASTY HEARTS...


15TH CENTURY EUROPE
VLAD WAS PRINCE OF THE PROVINCE OF WALLACHIA.
THE 15TH CENTURY ...
THE KINGDOM OF HUNGARY
TRANSYLVANIA
MOLDAVIA
VIENNA
WALLACHIA
DANUBE RIVER
CONSTANTINOPLE
OTTOMAN EMPIRE

THAT SCARED ME.
WHOA!
TWITCH
SWIP


THE OTTOMAN SULTAN WISHED TO ADD WALLACHIA TO HIS EMPIRE.
HE LIVED IN A TIME OF WAR AND STRIFE.

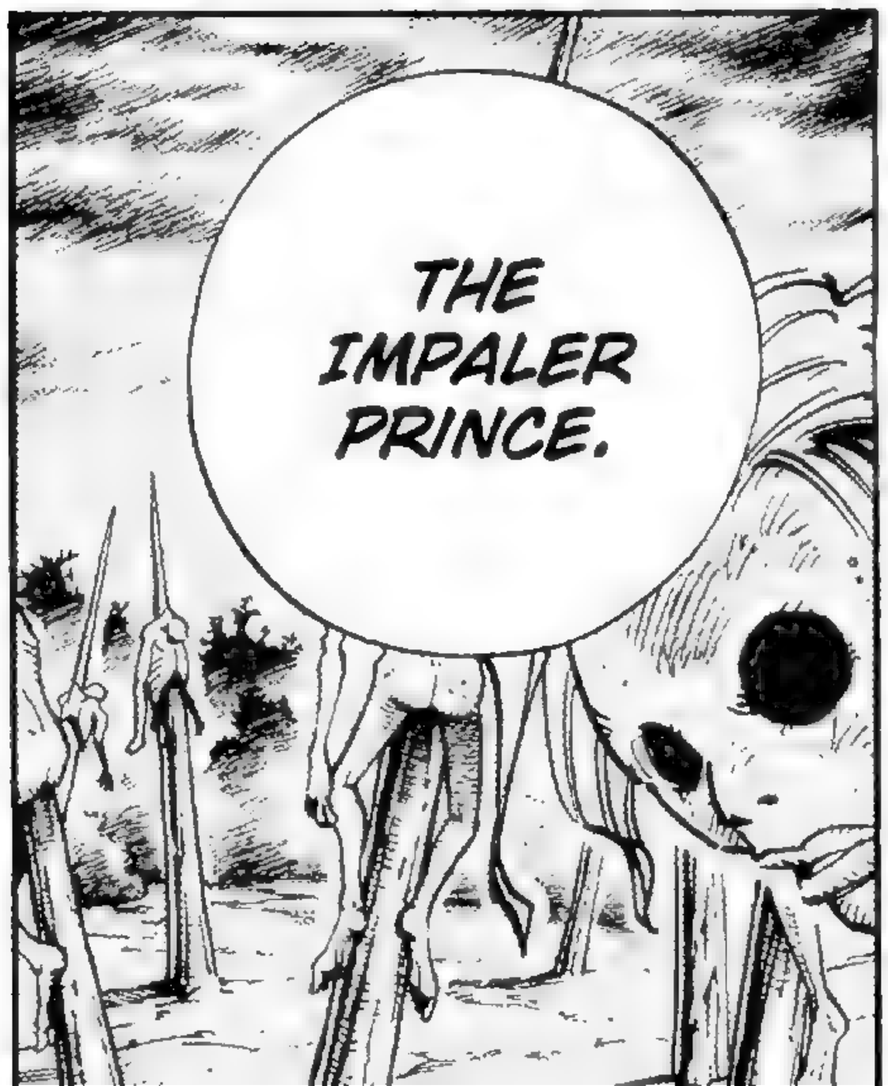
?

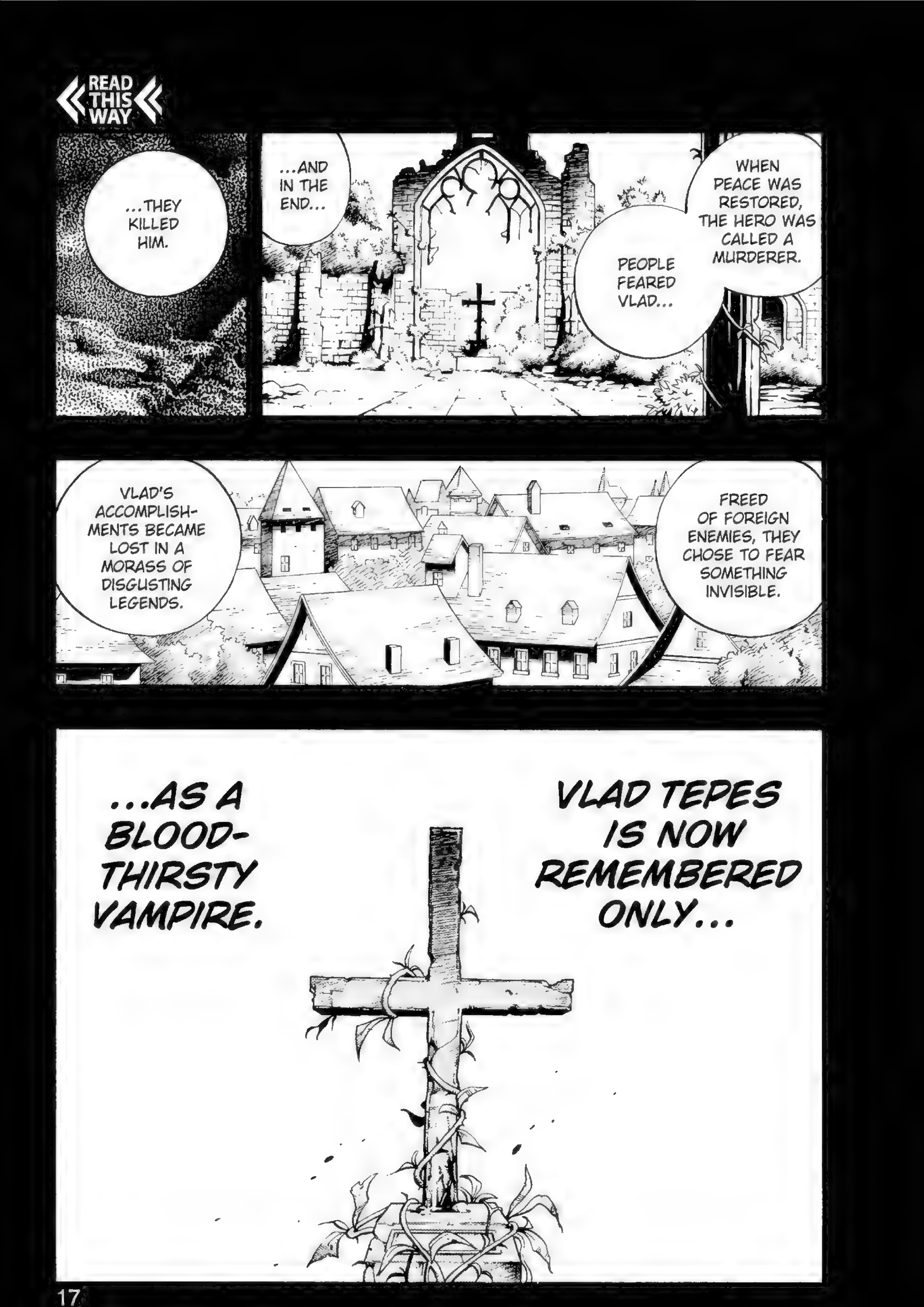
HOWEVER, VLAD'S HARSH STRATEGY ULTIMATELY BROUGHT DISASTER UPON OUR FAMILY.

...AND BECAME THE VICTORIOUS HERO OF HIS NATION.
VLAD REPELLED HIS HORDES BY MEANS OF A TERRIBLE STRATEGY...

...THEY CAME UPON 20,000 IMPALED TURKS PLANTED LIKE GROTESQUE TREES.

WHEN THE SULTAN'S ARMIES MARCHED INTO WALLACHIA ...




READ THIS WAY
...THEY KILLED HIM.
...AND IN THE END...
PEOPLE FEARED VLAD...
WHEN PEACE WAS RESTORED, THE HERO WAS CALLED A MURDERER.
VLAD'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS BECAME LOST IN A MORASS OF DISGUSTING LEGENDS.
FREED OF FOREIGN ENEMIES, THEY CHOSE TO FEAR SOMETHING INVISIBLE.
...AS A BLOOD-THIRSTY VAMPIRE.
VLAD TEPES IS NOW REMEMBERED ONLY...

MY FAMILY WAS FORCED TO FLEE OUR ANCESTRAL HOME...

...AND HIDE LIKE ANIMALS IN THE DARK FORESTS OF TRANSYLVANIA.

IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE, FAME-SEEKING MEN HUNTED AND PERSECUTED US.

BUT OUR STRUGGLE DID NOT END THERE.

KRK

CAN YOU IMAGINE OUR SUFFERING?

THAT BOGUS VAMPIRE HUNTER BLAMURO.

THAT FOOL OVER THERE WAS ONE OF THEM.

HOW'D AN ORDINARY MAN END UP WITH A SPIRIT ALLY?

BUT WAIT...

ER...

AH...

...AGAINST THE ARMED MEN...

...WHO TORMENTED US.

...

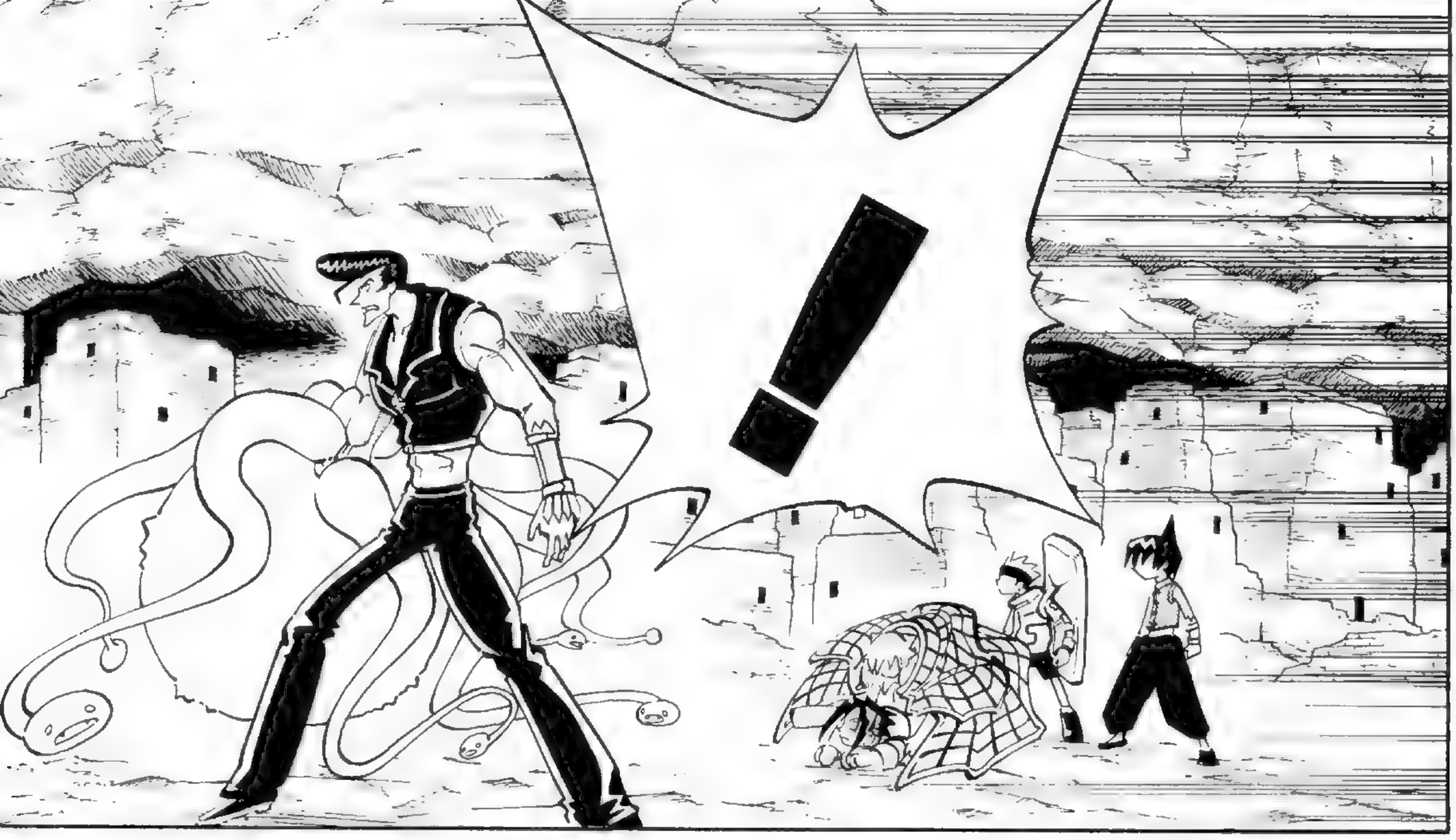
WE WERE UNABLE TO DEFEND OUR-SELVES...

"WHY NOT FIGHT BACK BY BECOMING REAL VAMPIRES?"

HE SAID, "I KNOW, AS WELL AS ANYONE, WHAT FOOLS PEOPLE ARE.

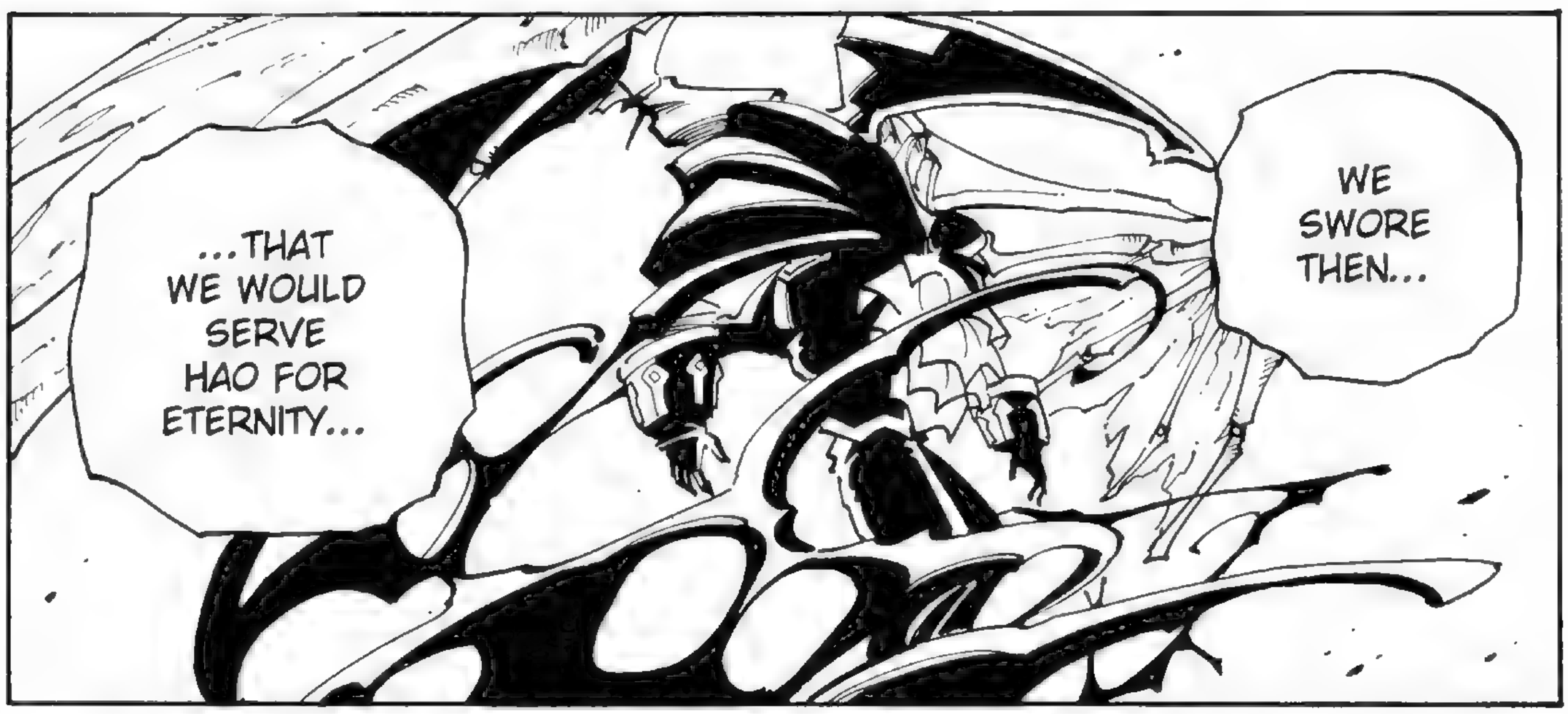
THEN ONE DAY, HAVING HEARD TALES OF VAMPIRES, A MAN CAME TO US.

...GRANTED US A GLIMMER OF HOPE IN THE FORM OF SHAMANIC POWERS!
THUS LORD HAO...



THE 15TH CENTURY WAS 500 YEARS AGO. THAT'S WHEN THE LAST SHAMAN FIGHT TOOK PLACE!
I GET IT.

HAO?!


...THAT WE WOULD SERVE HAO FOR ETERNITY...
WE SWORE THEN...

...UNTIL IT HAD BEEN EXTERMINATED !!!
...AND WAGE WAR UPON PETTY, FOOLISH HUMANITY...

UNH...
WHA ...?
...MAKES MY POWERS GROW STRONGER.
BLOOD ...

AHL
DIK

KRAK

SHLUK

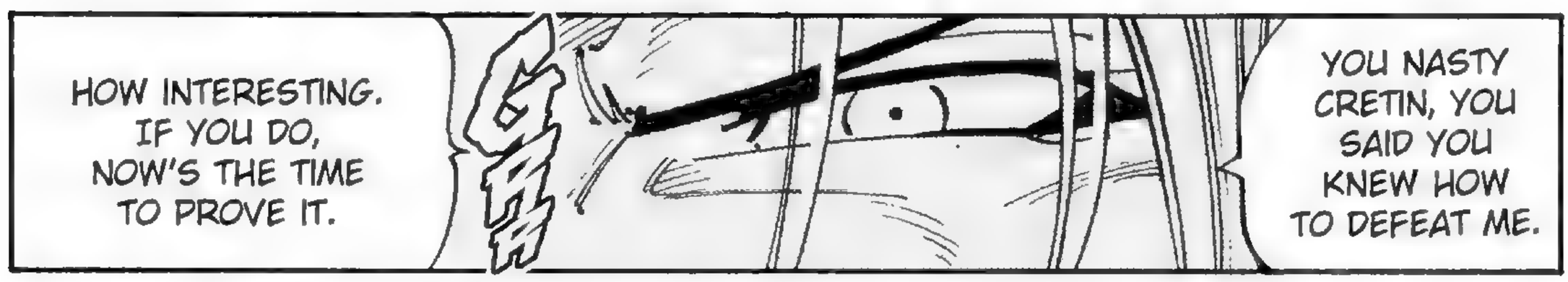
SHLUK

SHING

WITH THESE SCARLET SKEWERS MADE FROM THE BLOOD OF FOOLS...

...I WILL IMPALE ALL THREE OF YOU NOW.

DEATH BY IMPALE-MENT...



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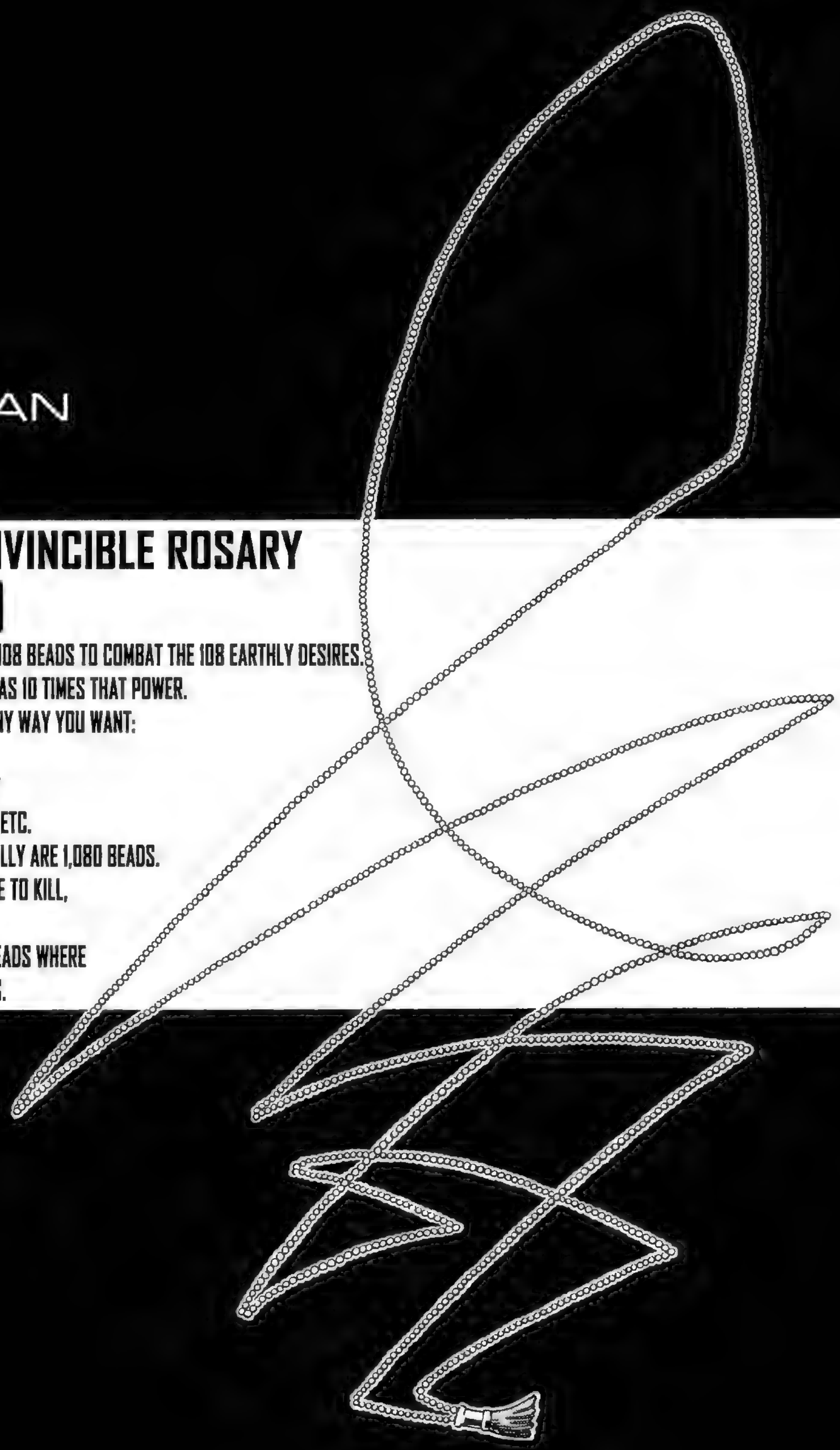
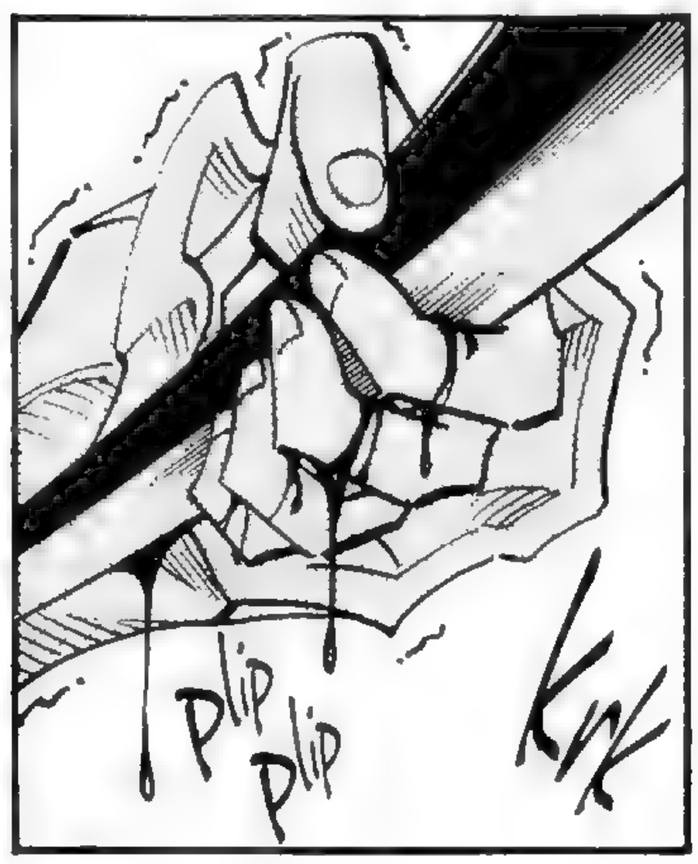
ANNA'S INVINCIBLE ROSARY

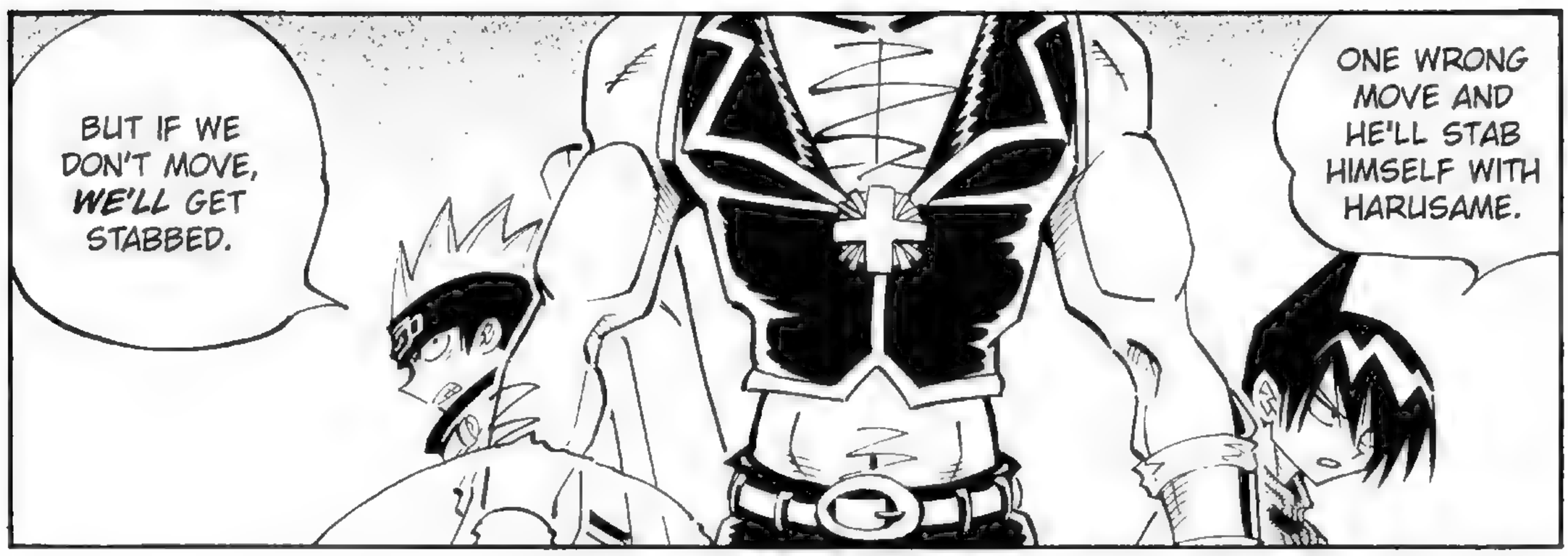
1080

MOST ROSARIES HAVE 108 BEADS TO COMBAT THE 108 EARTHLY DESIRES.
BUT ANNA'S ROSARY HAS 10 TIMES THAT POWER.
YOU CAN READ 1080 ANY WAY YOU WANT:
TEN EIGHTY
ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY
ONE ZERO EIGHT ZERO, ETC.
SERIOUSLY, THERE REALLY ARE 1,080 BEADS.
IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO KILL,
TRY COUNTING THEM.
* NOTE: COUNT TWO BEADS WHERE
THE STRAND OVERLAPS.



LYSERG IS COMPLETELY POSSESSED!
IT'S NO GOOD.

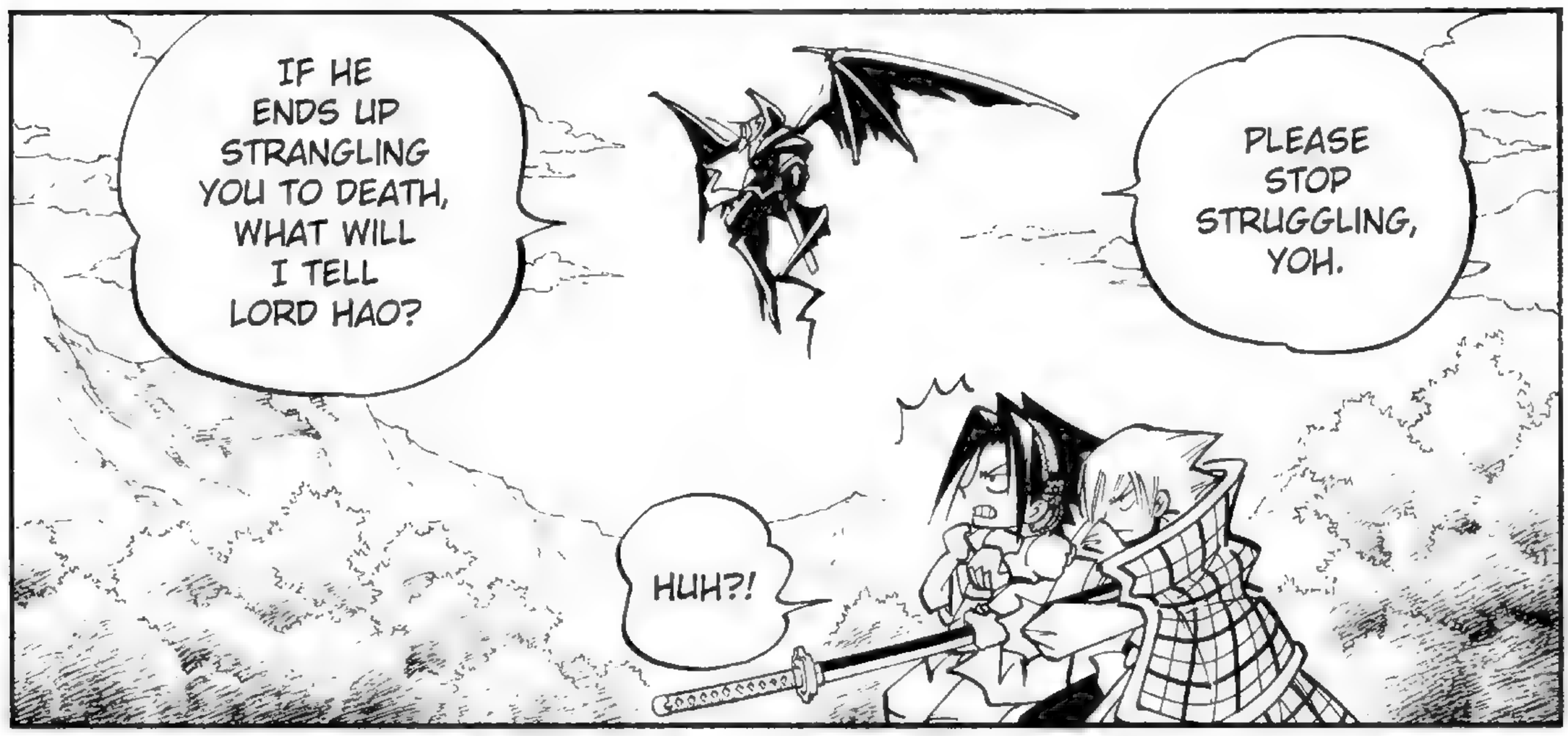

Plip Plip


BUT IF WE DON'T MOVE, WE'LL GET STABBED.
ONE WRONG MOVE AND HE'LL STAB HIMSELF WITH HARUSAME.

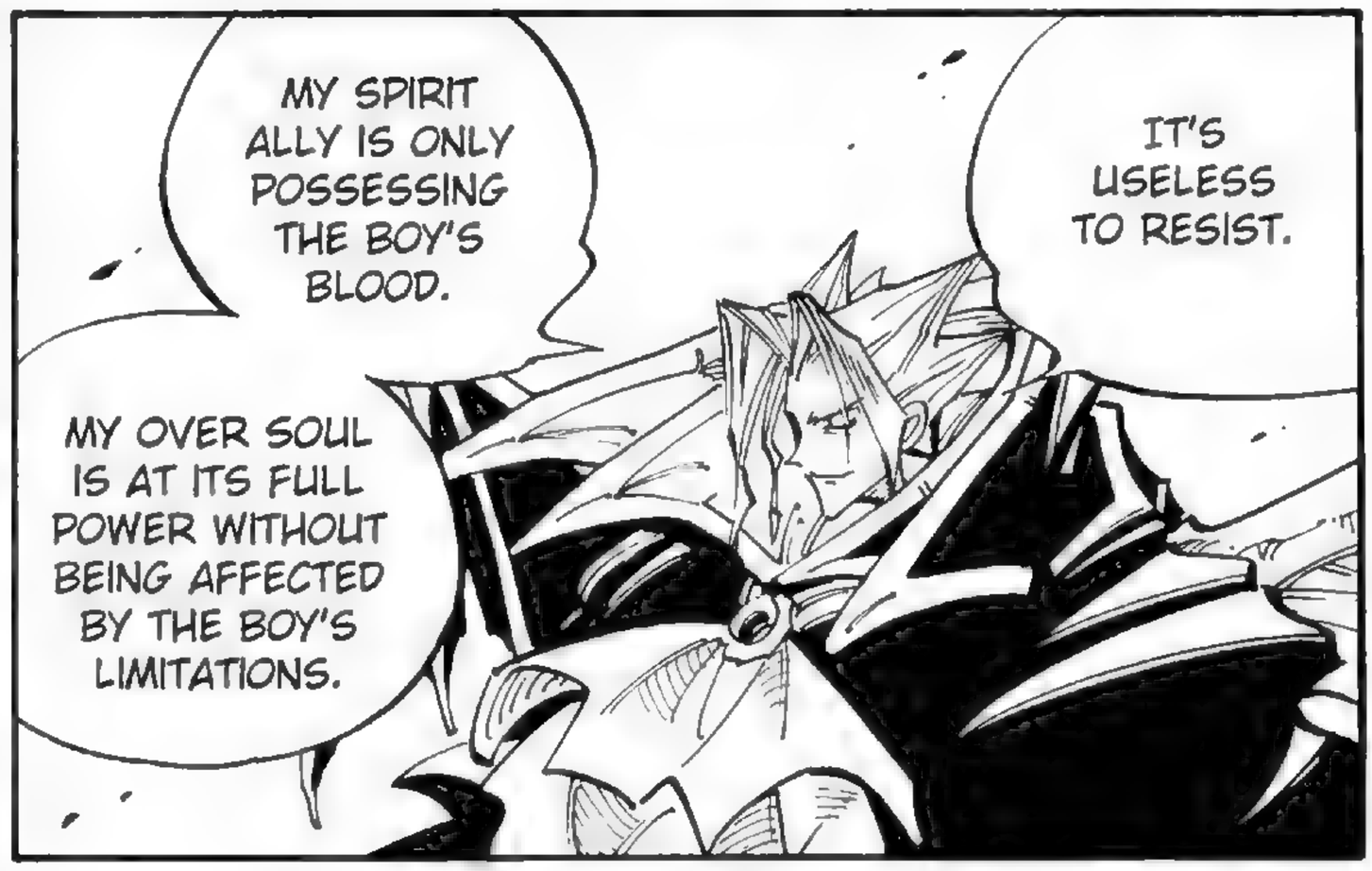
WE'RE IN...
...REAL TROUBLE!

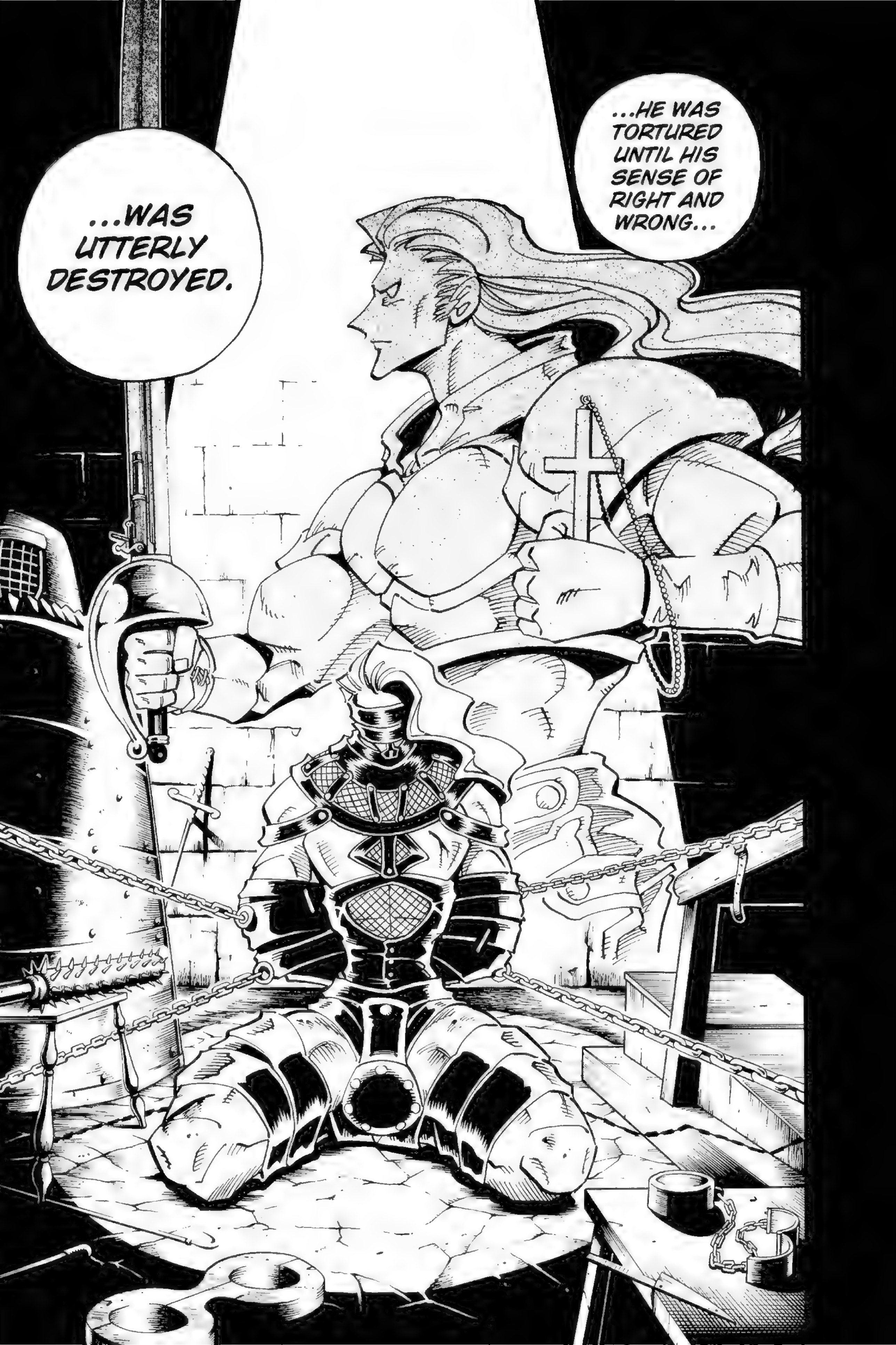
Reincarnation 100:
Spirit Ally Pandemonium

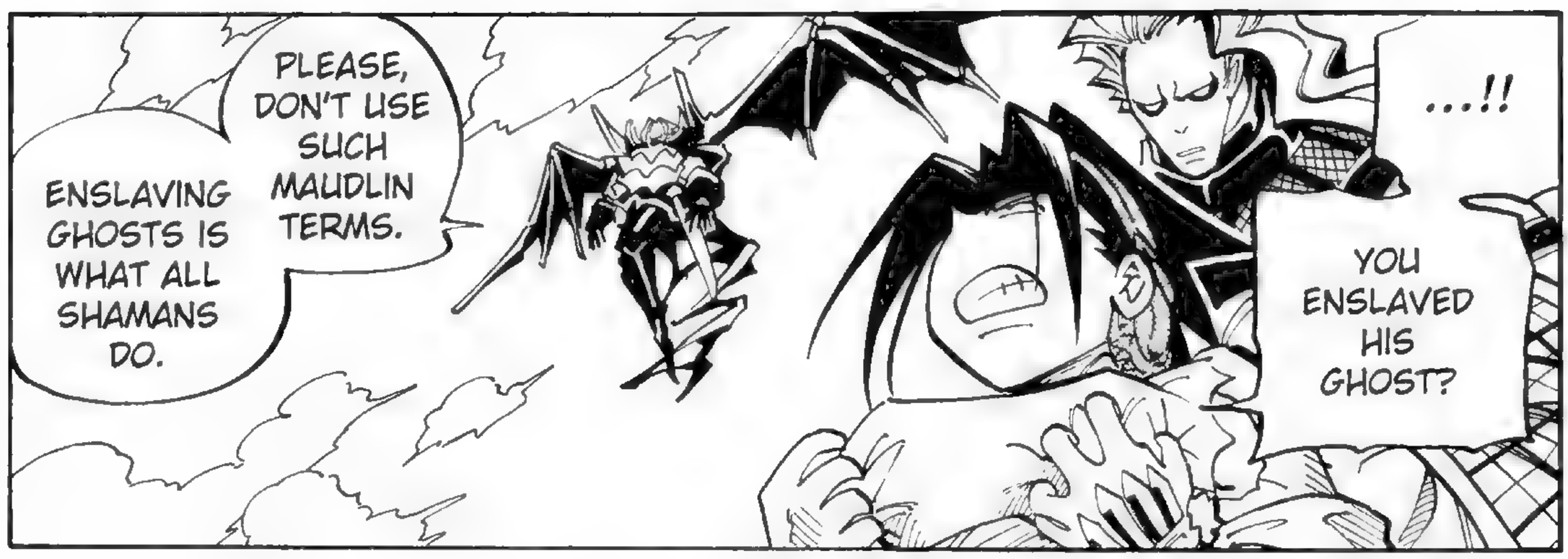
URRGH!
UMF!
GRRR
UNH...!

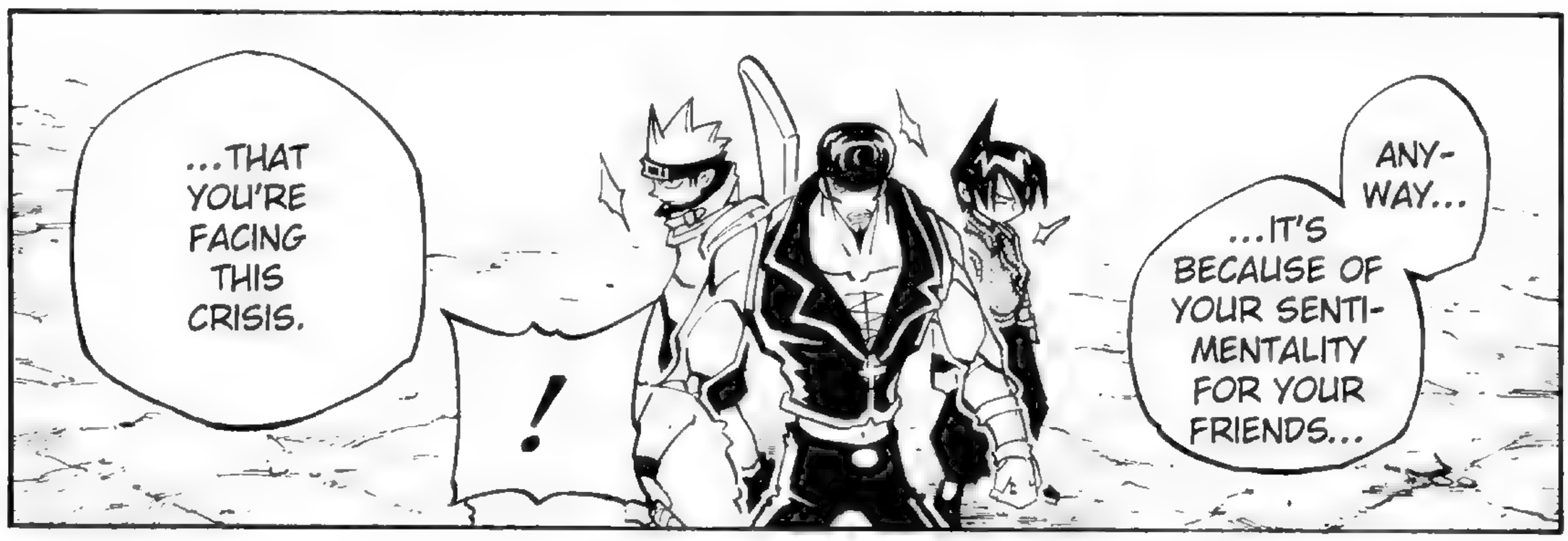

IF HE ENDS UP STRANGLING YOU TO DEATH, WHAT WILL I TELL LORD HAO?
PLEASE STOP STRUGGLING, YOH.
HUH?!

AS PUNISHMENT FOR THE CRIMES HE COMMITTED AGAINST MY FAMILY...
YOU SEE, BLAMURO WILL NEVER LOOSEN HIS GRIP.


MY SPIRIT ALLY IS ONLY POSSESSING THE BOY'S BLOOD.
IT'S USELESS TO RESIST.
MY OVER SOUL IS AT ITS FULL POWER WITHOUT BEING AFFECTED BY THE BOY'S LIMITATIONS.


...WAS UTTERLY DESTROYED.
...HE WAS TORTURED UNTIL HIS SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG...


ENSLAVING GHOSTS IS WHAT ALL SHAMANS DO.
PLEASE, DON'T USE SUCH MAUDLIN TERMS.
...!!
YOU ENSLAVED HIS GHOST?


...THAT YOU'RE FACING THIS CRISIS.
!
ANY-WAY...
...IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR SENTI-MENTALITY FOR YOUR FRIENDS...

...YOU COULD GO ON LIVING VERY WELL WITHOUT THEM.
IF YOU WOULD SIMPLY ABANDON THEM TO THEIR FATES...
HEH HEH... HOW PATHETIC.

...ROBBED THEM OF THEIR HOME.

ACCEPT MY EXECUTION AND TASTE THE SUFFERING MY FAMILY EXPERIENCED AFTER THE WEAK HUMANS LIKE YOU...

SUCH WEAKNESS IS UNFORGIVABLE.

KLANG

...YOU'LL ALL BE DEAD.

WHEN THIS SWORD FALLS...

SAY YOUR PRAYERS.

SHOOT.

...

YOH...!!

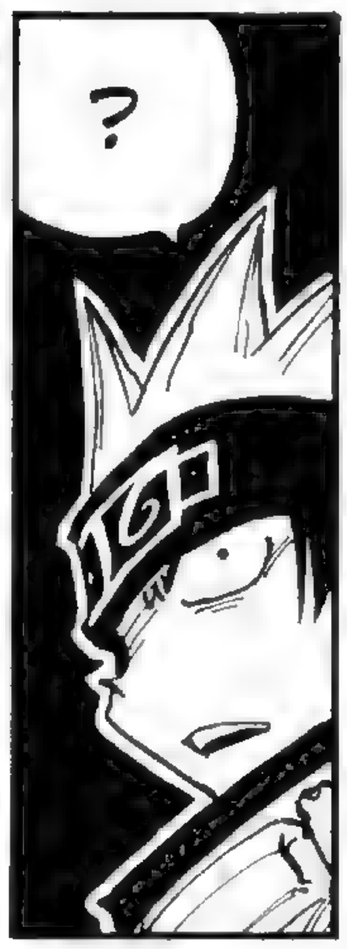
...!

POOF

THIS PROBLEM'S AN EASY ONE.
I GOT IT.

THAT'S WHY WE'LL MAKE IT.
DON'T WORRY.

"THAT'S WHY" ...?!


?

?

?

...?!

YOU MEAN THAT'S WHY YOU'RE DEAD!

THAT'S WHY?!

WUP

WUP

WUP

DEATH BY IMPALE-MENT... NOW!!

SHOOM

I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH HAIR.
SHEESH.
IMPOSSIBLE! IS HE THAT COLDBLOODED?!
HE DARED TO MOVE?

KRAGH

BETTER YET, CRUSHED ICE!!

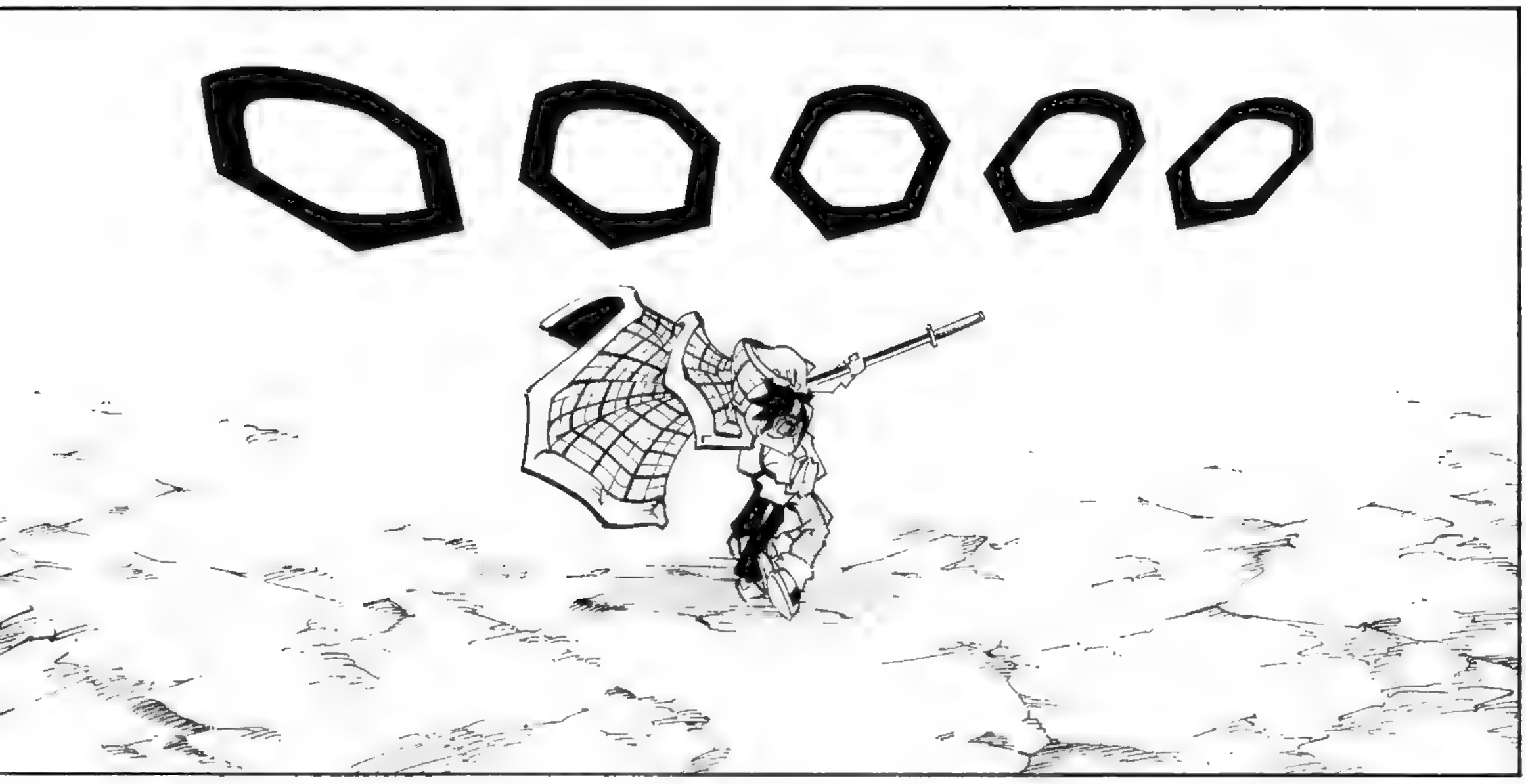
SUPER
KLANK
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, HOROHORO.
YOU'VE GOT TO PULVERIZE THEM SO THEY CAN NEVER REGENERATE.

...GOLDEN CHINESE ZAN-MAI!! (KILL-DANCE)

FWOOSH

I DON'T UNDER-STAND!!
WHAT ARE THEY THINKING ?!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPEN-ING!!
NO!!

STAB HIM IN THE THROAT!!!
DO IT!
VERY WELL!
BLAMURO !!

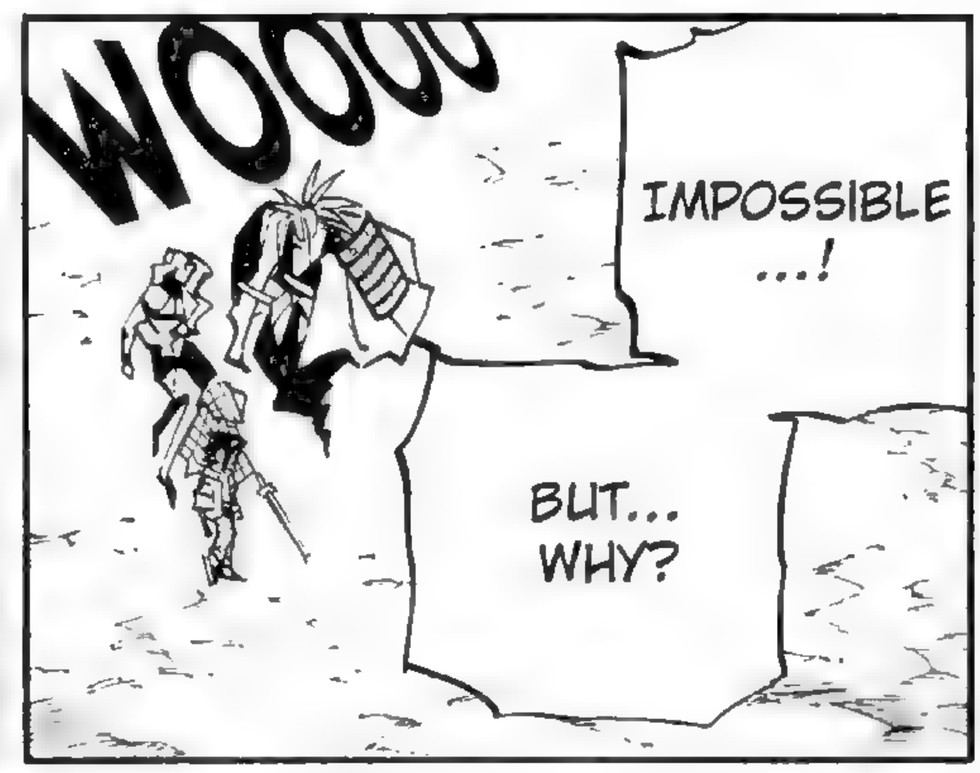


DO IT!
I TOLD YOU TO STRIKE! CAN'T YOU HEAR ME, BLAMURO?!

YOU WON'T OBEY MY COMMAND ...?!
WHAT ?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

...?!

IT'S NO USE.
DOOM
MY WORDS HAVE REKINDLED HIS CONSCIENCE. HE WON'T LISTEN TO YOU ANYMORE.



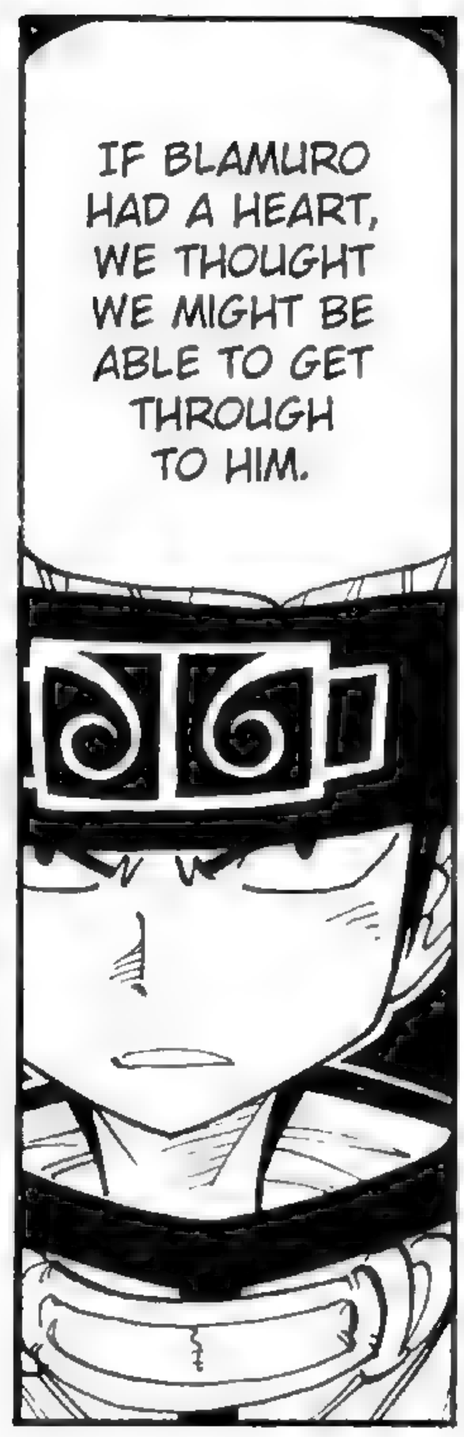
BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS.

!

WE KNEW WHAT THE CHIEF WANTED US TO DO.

WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER A LONG TIME.

SO WE MADE OUR MOVES TO DISTRACT YOU.
MEANWHILE, I TRIED TO PERSUADE HIM.
POOF
...


IF BLAMURO HAD A HEART, WE THOUGHT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH TO HIM.

BUT THAT GHOST HAD A HEART TOO, AND I LEARNED TO SEE IT.
I USED TO BE A GHOST-ENSLAVING SHAMAN LIKE YOU.

IF YOU'D FAILED, THE BOY WOULD BE DEAD!!
FOOL!!

BESIDES, IF LYSERG HAD BEEN HURT BY WHAT WE DID, WE WOULD'VE FIGURED OUT SOME WAY TO SAVE HIM.
BUT IF WE HADN'T DONE ANYTHING, WE'D ALL BE DEAD.

IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND OUR ACTIONS.

AFTER YOU LOST YOUR HOME, YOU CHOSE THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION, WHILE...

WOOM

WOOM

...CHOSE TO SEARCH FOR MY HAPPY PLACE.

FWOOM

...I ...

MY SPIRIT HAS MORE TENACITY THAN YOURS DOES.

FWOOSH

ミカエル
MICHAEL

2000
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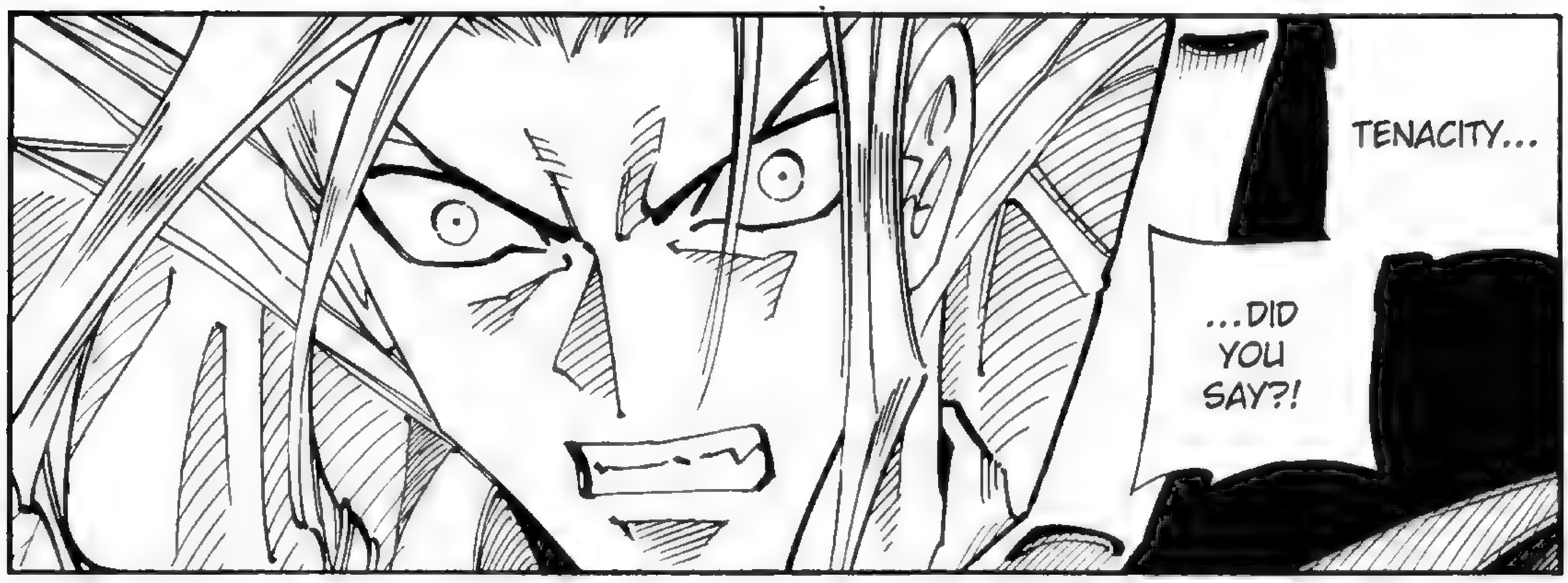
Reincarnation 101: Blazing Tenacity



AND YOU CAN NEVER HAVE FRIENDS...

...OR FIND YOUR HAPPY PLACE...

PUNK PUNK

BECAUSE I KNOW IF YOU GIVE UP AND CHOOSE THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION, YOU CAN NEVER BUILD ANYTHING WORTHWHILE.

...THAT'LL SMASH YOUR ENEMY TO PIECES!!

...OR DEVELOP A TECH-NIQUE...

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1999

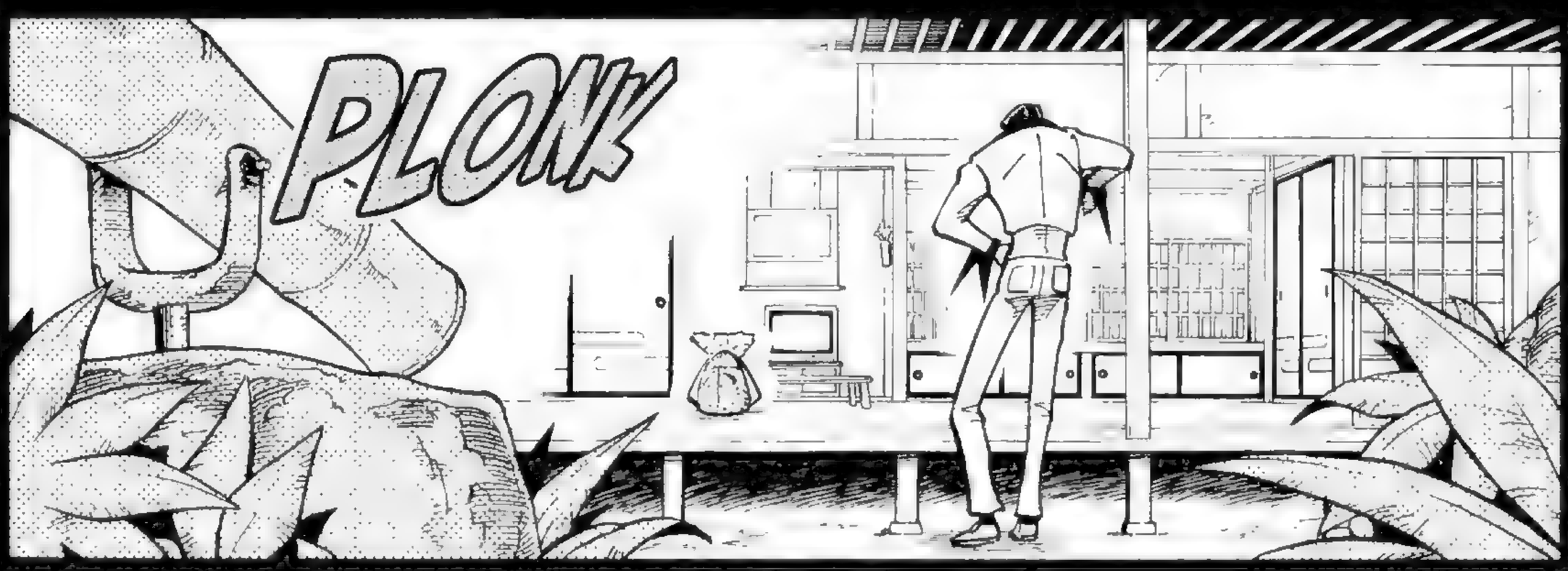
Izumo Mid-Summer

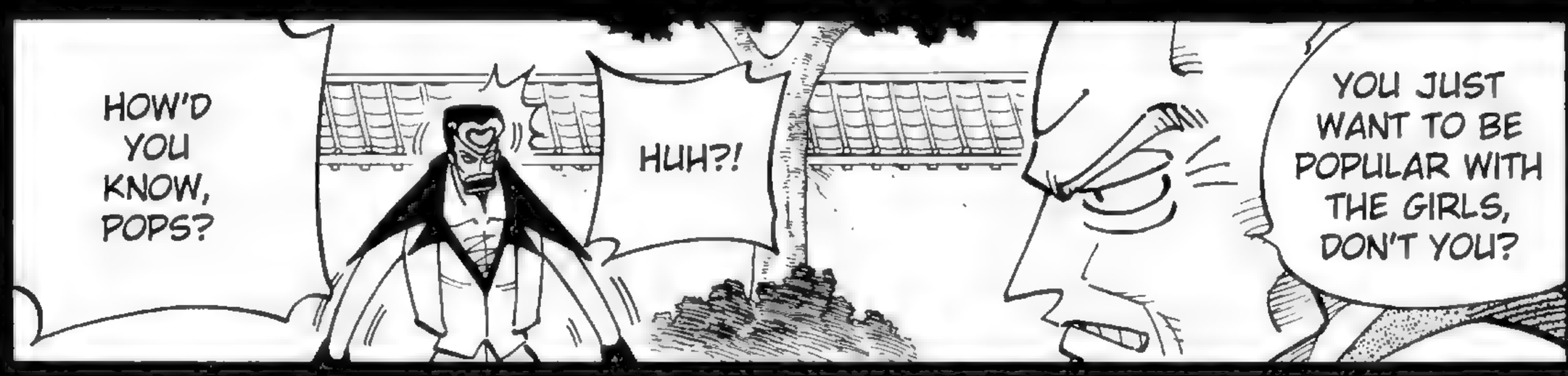
After Yoh and the others left

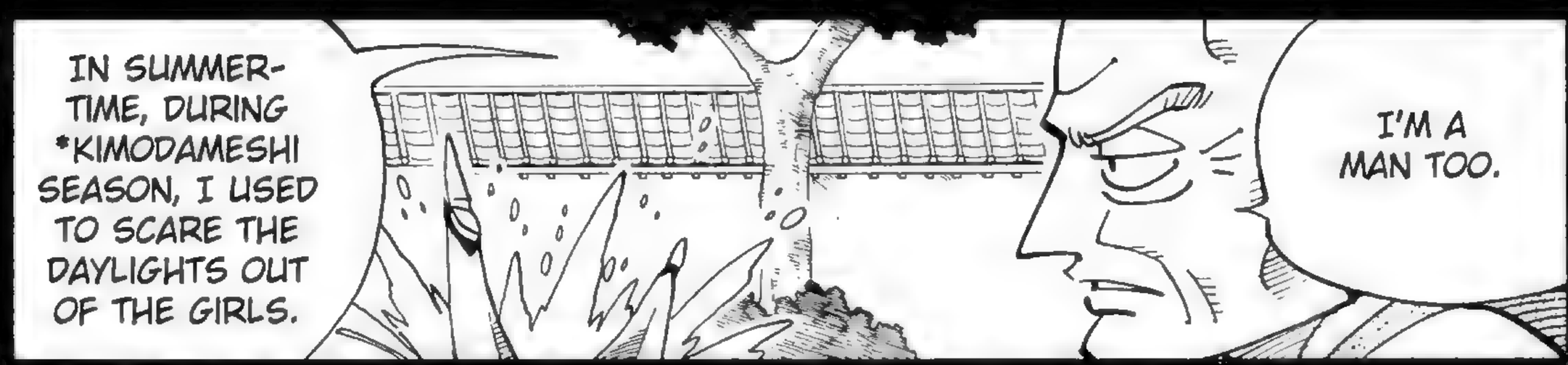
*ASAKURA SOSEN

WILL YOU MAKE ME, "WOODEN SWORD" RYU, A MAN?

I'M BEGGING YOU, POPS.



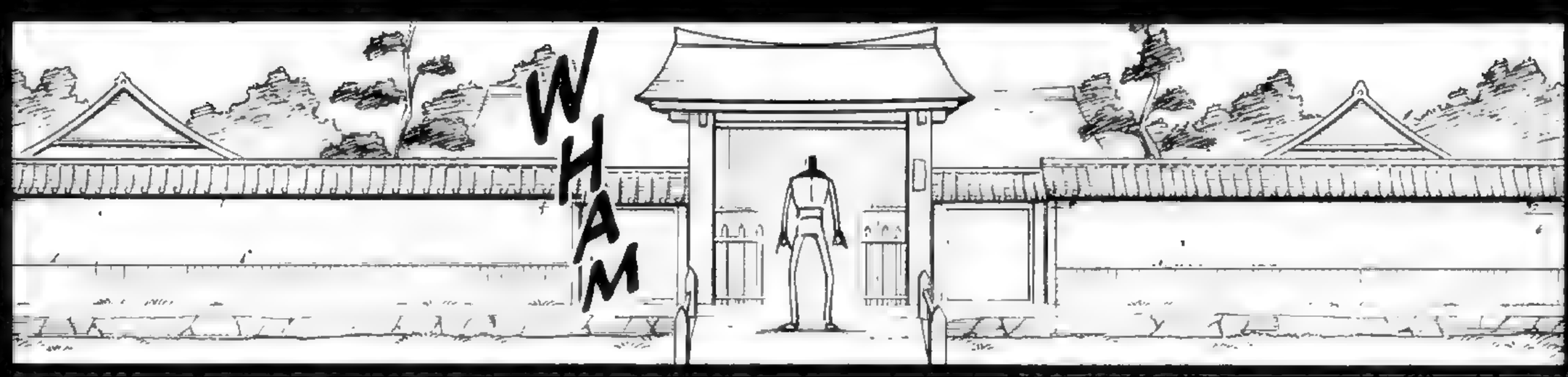


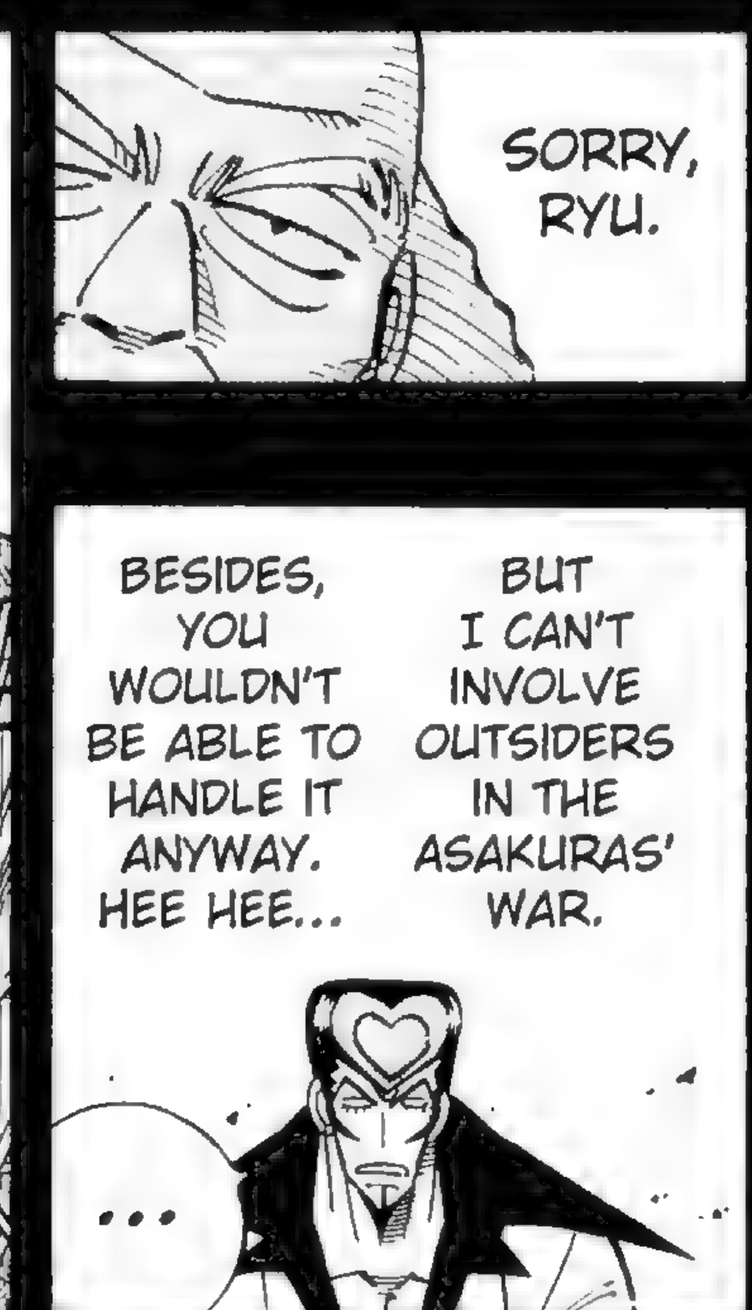


*A GAME SIMILAR TO TRUTH-OR-DARE IN WHICH PEOPLE TEST EACH OTHER'S COURAGE.

I'M SORRY, BUT THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO TRAIN YOU. NOW BE A GENTLEMAN AND GO.

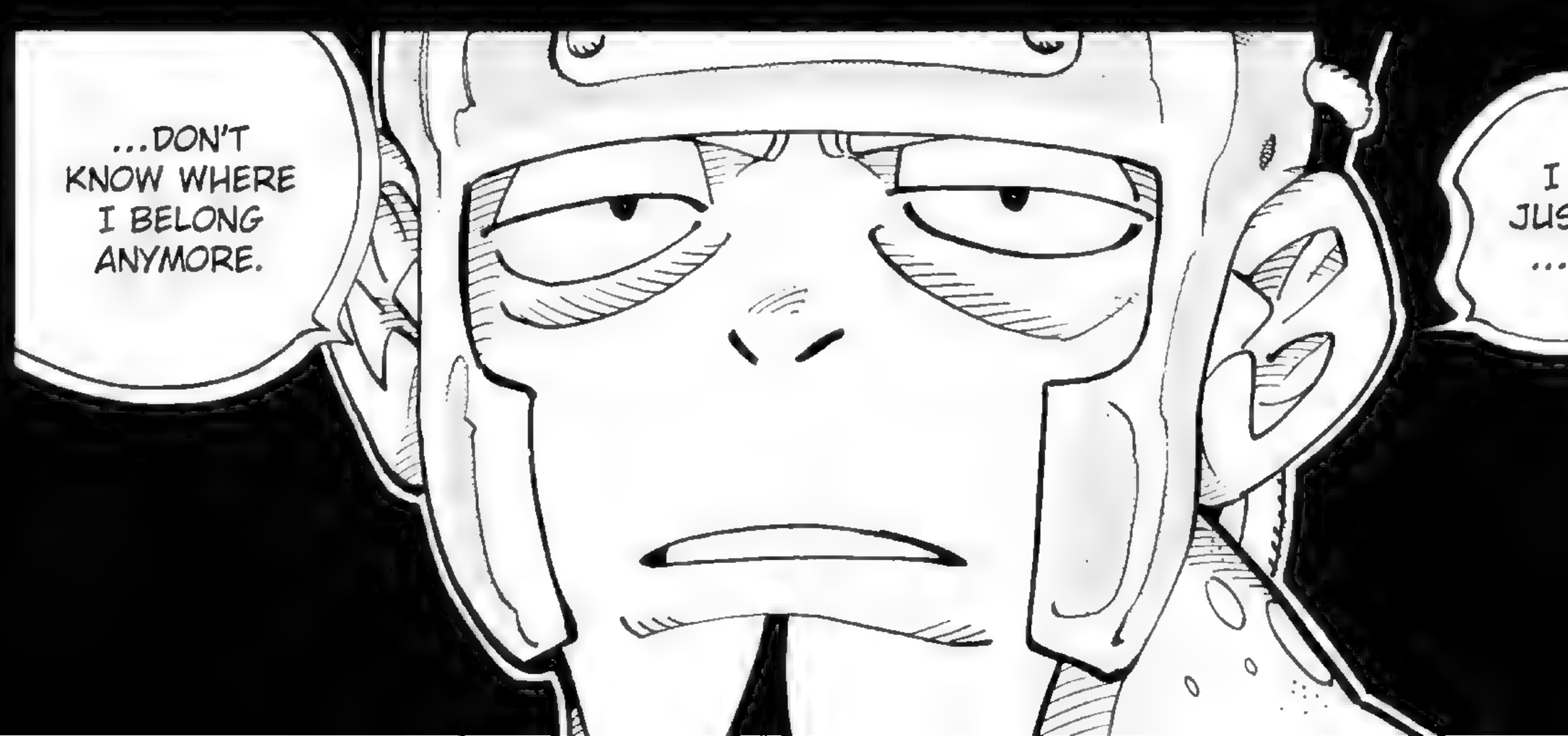
NO.

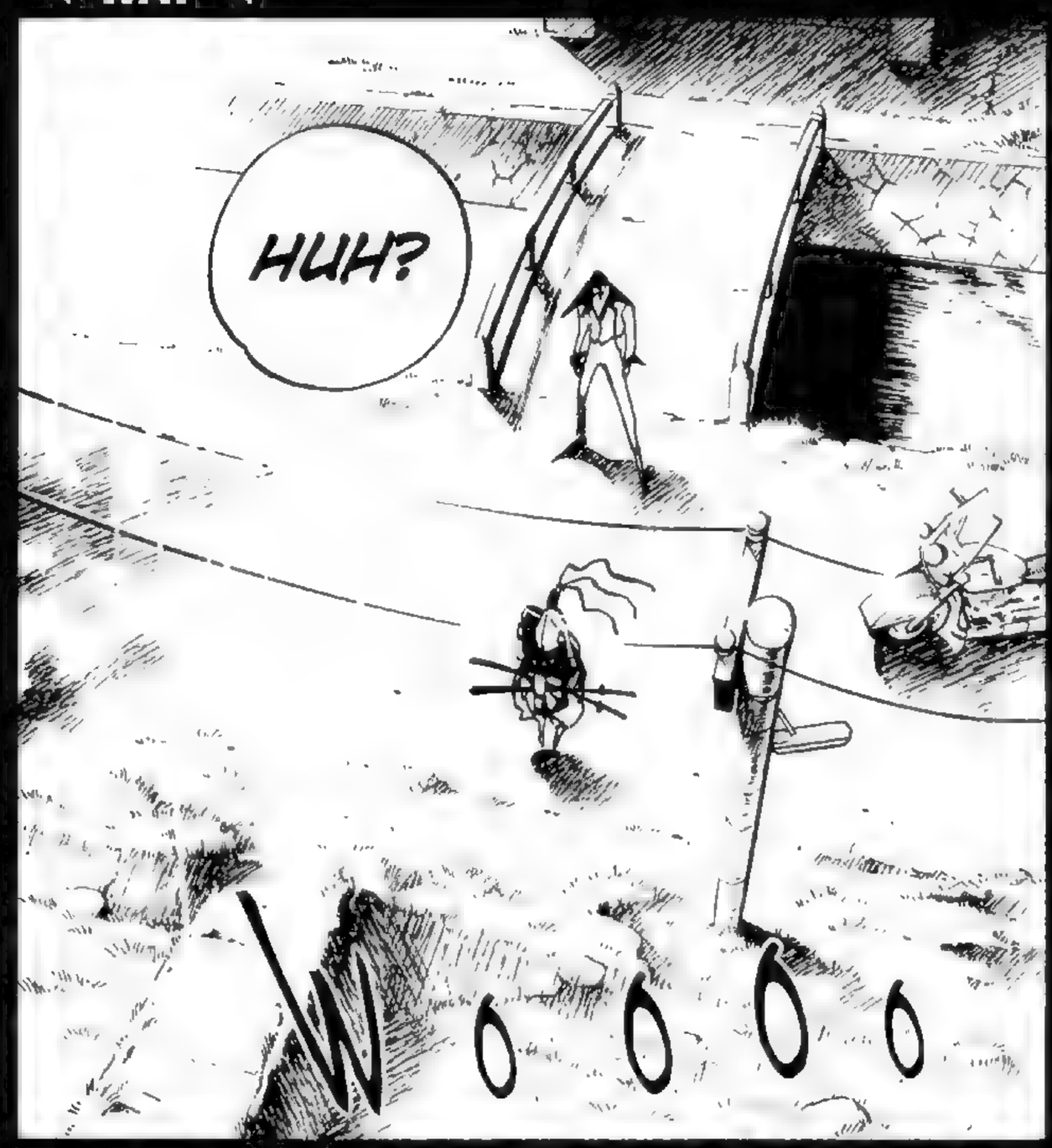




I STILL OWE YOU ONE...
...RYU.
IT'S ME.
POF

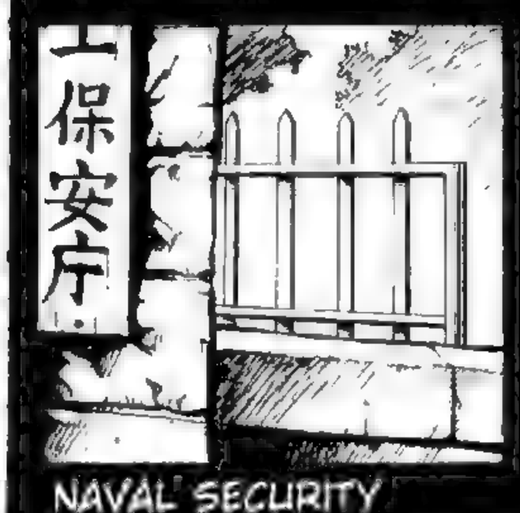
WHO KNOWS?
EVEN I HAVE NO IDEA.
HUH?! TOKAGERO?! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE IN IZUMO?!


...DON'T KNOW WHERE I BELONG ANYMORE.
I JUST ...


HUH?
WOOOO

YOUR GRUDGE...
...IS GONE?

出雲日御碕燈台
IZUMO HINOMISAKI LIGHTHOUSE


海上保安庁
NAVAL SECURITY BOARD

I WANTED REVENGE AGAINST AMIDAMARU SO BADLY, BUT NOW I DON'T CARE ABOUT HIM AND WHAT HAPPENED 600 YEARS AGO.
YES.
GONE WITHOUT A TRACE, MUCH TO MY SURPRISE.

...WHEN I POSSESSED YOU AND FOUGHT THAT BRAT YOH.

I STOPPED CARING...

THE MOMENT I GOT INVOLVED WITH HIM, EVERYTHING I CARED ABOUT SUDDENLY DISSOLVED.

HE'S ONE ODD BRAT.

...

STILL, I'M NOT READY TO DIE THE FINAL DEATH AND GO TO THE UNDERWORLD.

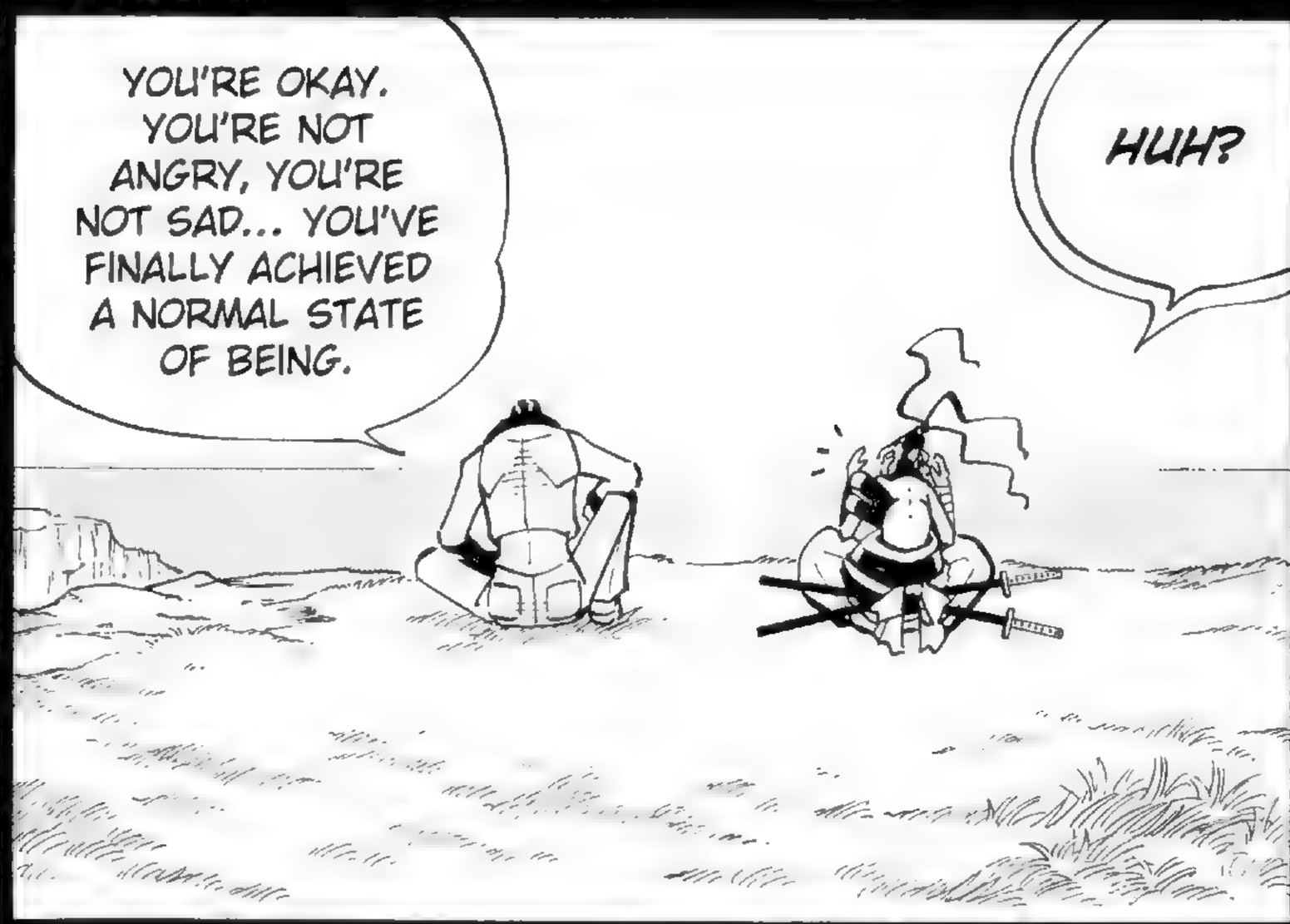
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF.

THIS LACK OF DIRECTION IS WEIRD. IT'S NOT LIKE ME AT ALL.

AND TO TOP IT OFF, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TALK TO...

HOW COULD THE INFAMOUS TOKAGERO HAVE GONE SO SOFT?

DO YOU THINK I'M CRAZY?


YOU'RE OKAY. YOU'RE NOT ANGRY, YOU'RE NOT SAD... YOU'VE FINALLY ACHIEVED A NORMAL STATE OF BEING.
HUH?

THAT'S GOOD.

SURE. YOU SEE, IT'S EASY FOR PEOPLE TO GET CAUGHT UP IN THEIR OWN EMOTIONS...

NORMAL STATE...?

PEOPLE MAKE FRIENDS AND ENEMIES BASED ON HOW THEY FEEL AT THE MOMENT.
WE'RE ALL MORE OR LESS ALIKE. THE SLIGHTEST THING MAKES US FRIENDS OR CAUSES US TO FIGHT.
...EVEN WITH FRIENDS.
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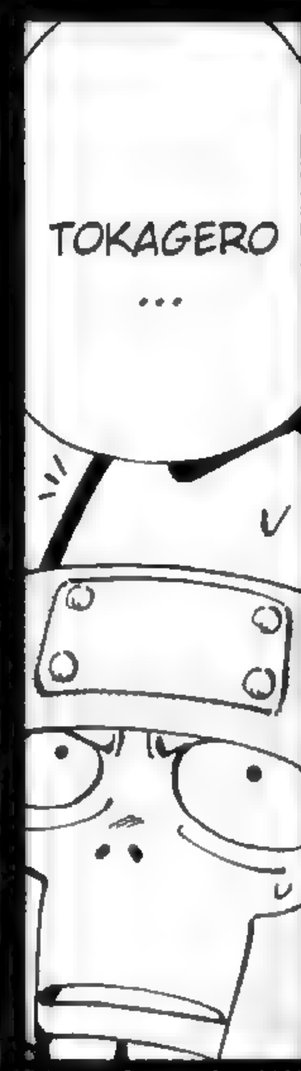
...YOU'RE FACING YOURSELF FOR THE FIRST TIME AND REALIZING THAT YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU BELONG.
NOW THAT YOU'VE LOST YOUR ENEMY...


TOKAGERO ...

IT'S ALL JUST SUFFERING CREATED BY OUR OWN SELFISH SENSE OF WHAT'S FAIR.
THE REALITY IS, THERE ARE NO FRIENDS OR ENEMIES IN THIS WORLD.
splash
splash
splash

HEH HEH... WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I SUFFERED THE SAME WAY YOU'RE SUFFERING NOW.
TWIP
TWIP
WHAT THE HECK? YOU'RE YOUNG, BUT YOU ALMOST SOUND LIKE YOU KNOW SOMETHING.
ARE YOU LYING ABOUT YOUR AGE?!

...DOESN'T GIVE UP ON GUYS LIKE US. HE ACCEPTED ME FOR WHO I WAS AND HELPED ME SEE THE LIGHT.
BUT YOU KNOW, THE CHIEF...

...I WANT TO BECOME A SHAMAN BECAUSE I WANT TO BE LIKE HIM.

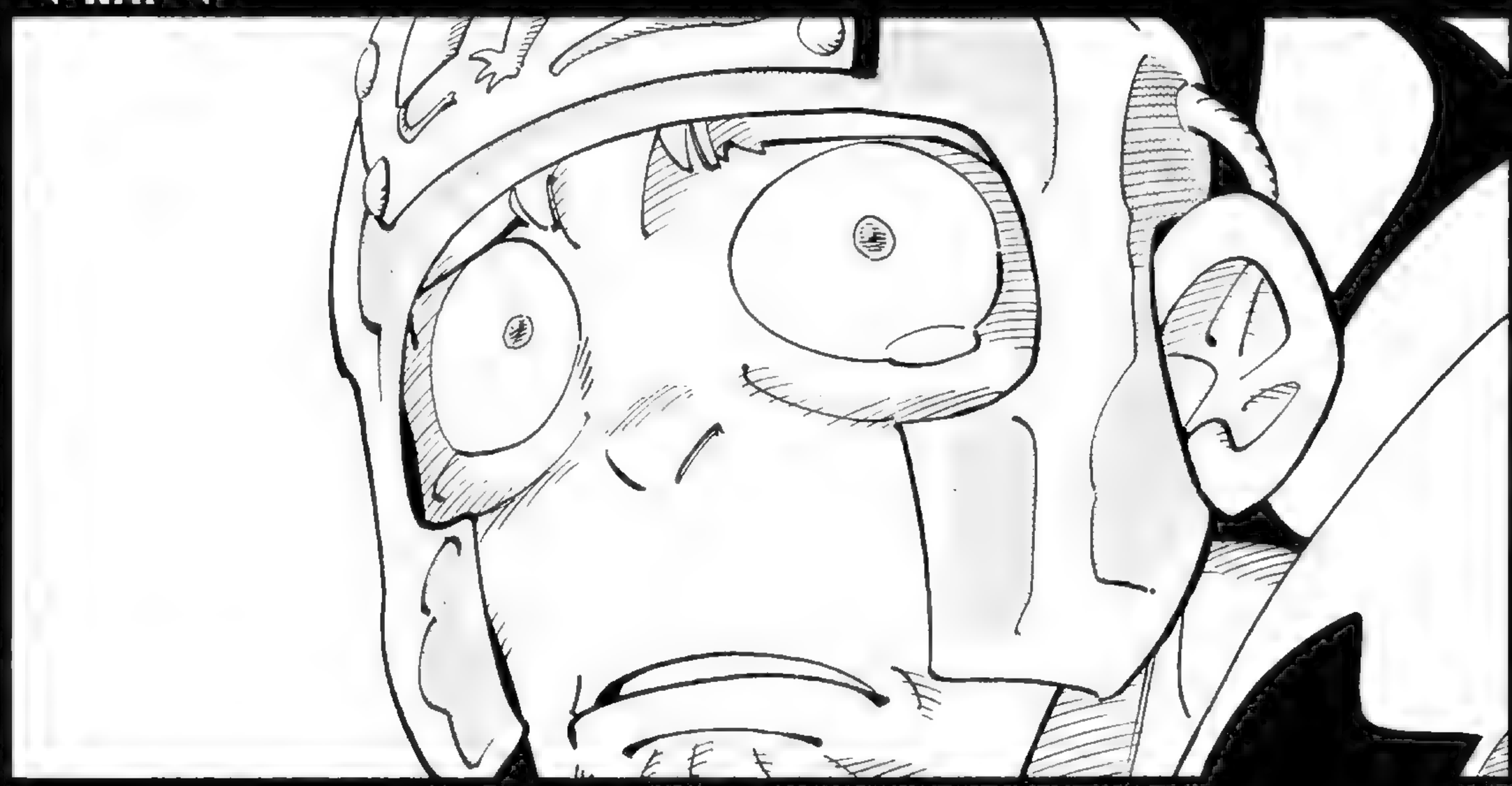
THE TRUTH IS...

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE HOPE WHILE YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.
HMPH. GOOD FOR YOU.

Oh yeah!
...
AFTER ALL, I CAN SEE GHOSTS TOO.
THAT MEANS I HAVE ENOUGH INBORN TALENT TO BE POPULAR SOMEDAY.

YOU IDIOT!
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT! ARE YOU GIVING UP ALREADY?
...WHILE YOU'RE STILL ALIVE...

ONCE I BECOME A SHAMAN, YOU CAN BE MY SPIRIT ALLY.
IF YOU'VE GOT NO PLACE TO GO, THEN I'LL BE YOUR HOME.



名産センター
NOW...
JUST LET ME GET SOMETHING IN MY BELLY AND I'LL GO TO WORK ON POPS AGAIN.

...WILL NEVER GIVE UP UNTIL I FIND MY HAPPY PLACE, NO MATTER WHAT.
I...

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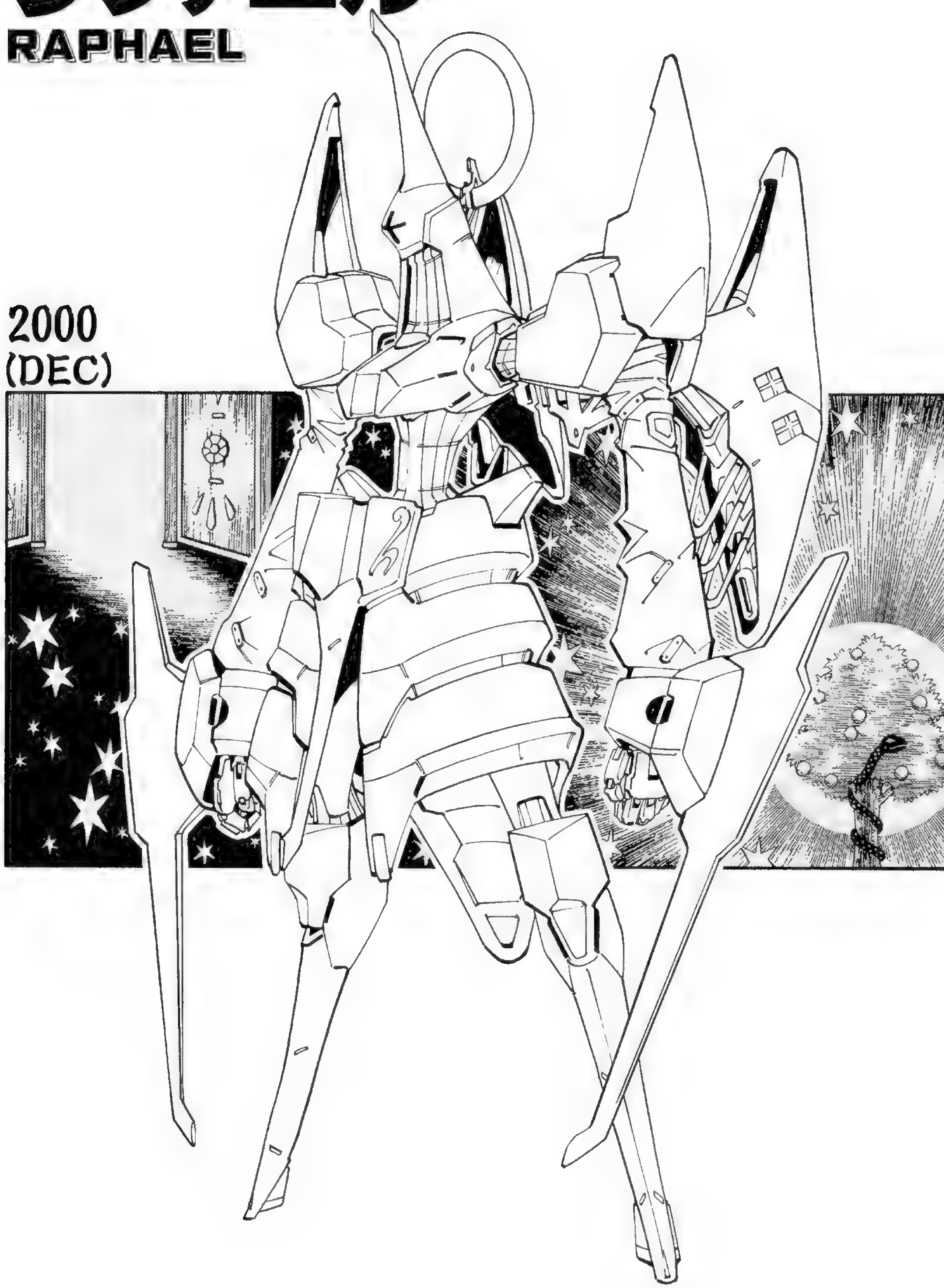

IT'S RAINING AGAIN.

KSHHHHH

THE RAINY SEASON ISN'T OVER YET... WHY DON'T YOU TAKE OFF YOUR MASK AT LEAST INSIDE THE HOUSE, MIKIHISA?

PUP PUP

IT'S BEEN A WEEK NOW. I WONDER HOW LONG THIS WILL CONTINUE, FATHER...

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HIM.

CHUCKLE... IT DOESN'T MATTER.

I WAS TALKING ABOUT *HIM*, THOUGH.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME YOU GIVE IN?
HE'S BEEN CAMPING OUT AT THE GATE FOR A WHOLE WEEK.

SHHH

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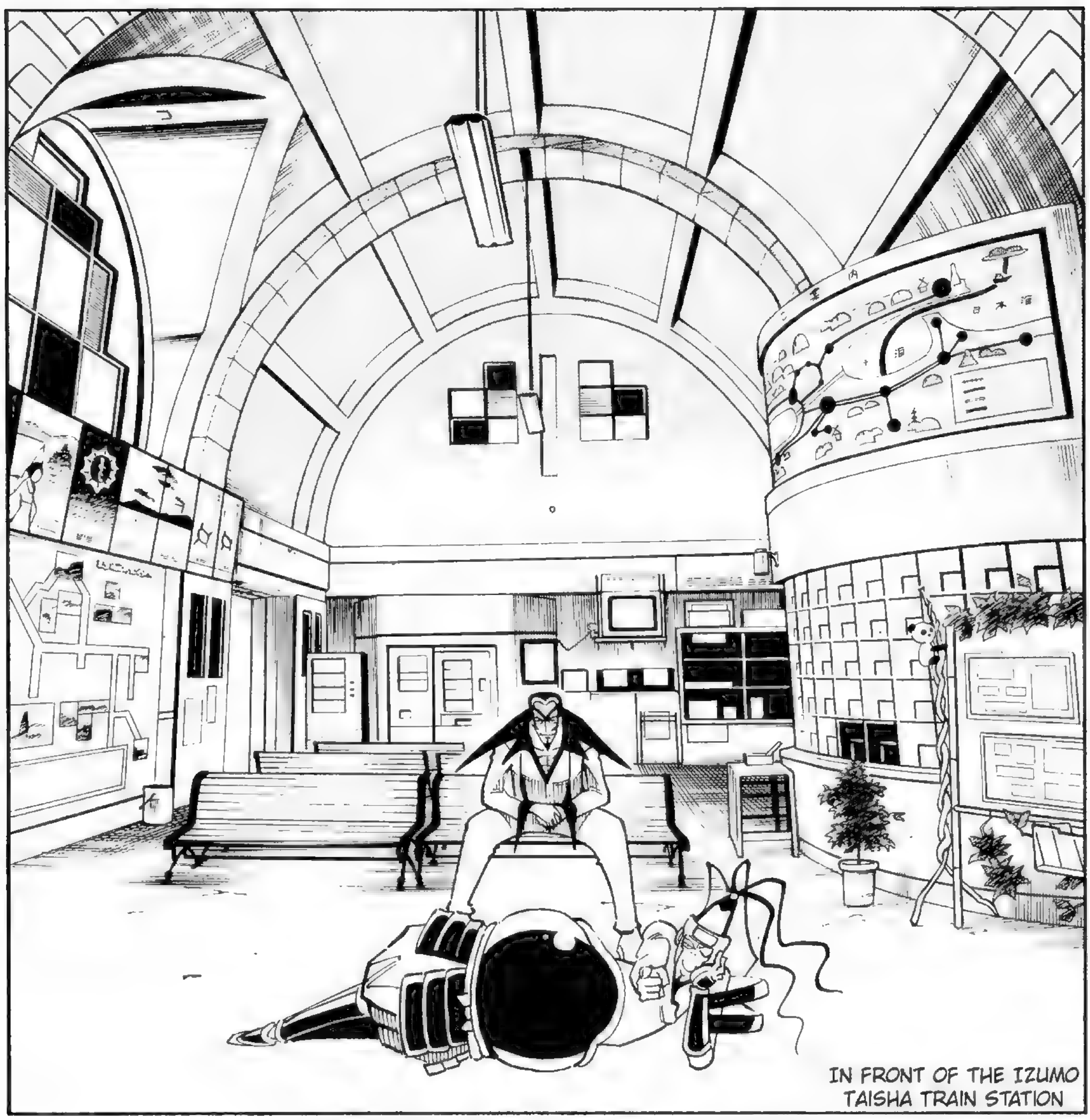
Even More Blazing Tenacity

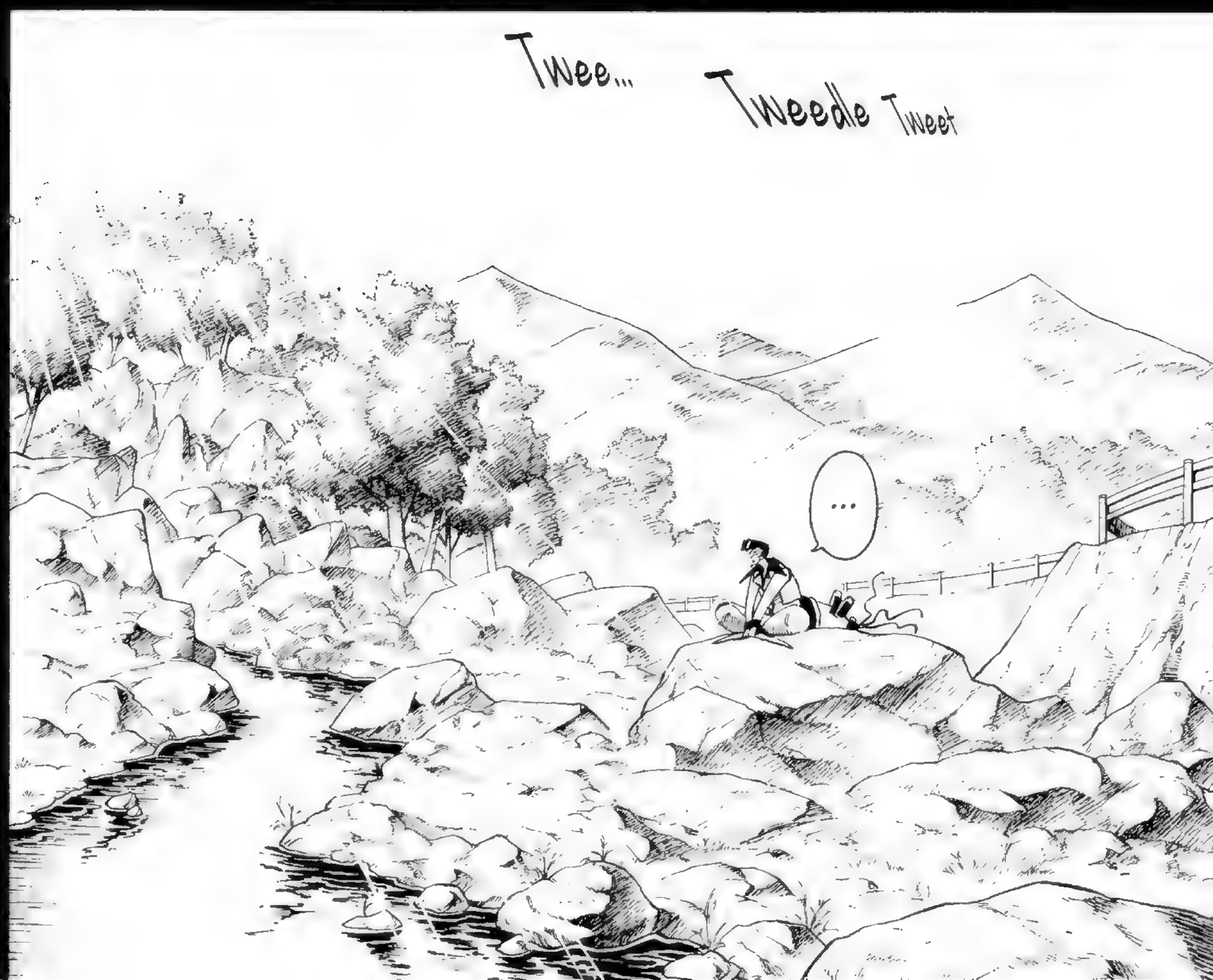


Chirp
Chirp
Chirp
Chirp
Chirp

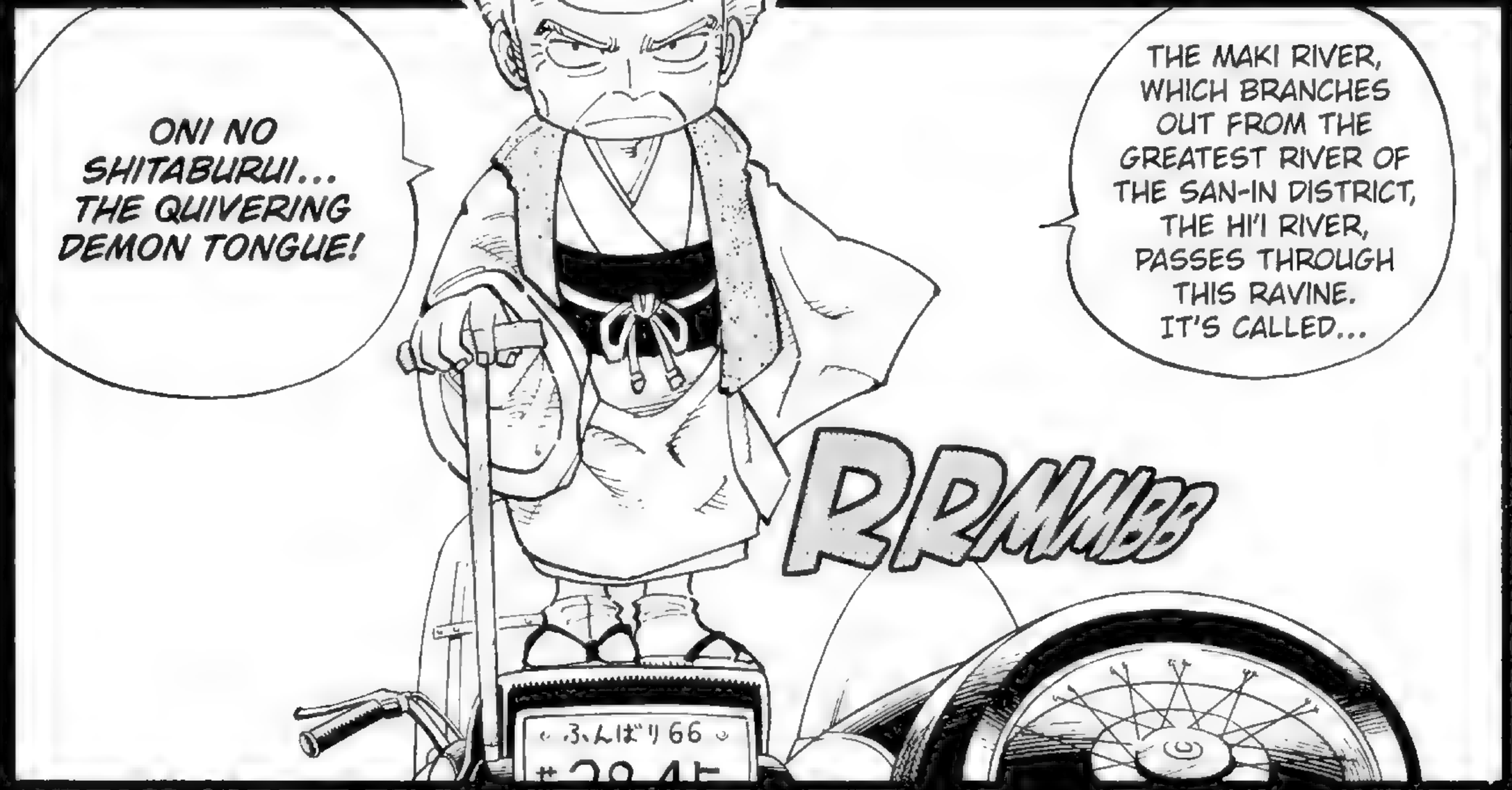
HUH ...?!
SPLAT

FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP
PLUP

LET'S GET GOING AND--
WAKE UP, TOKAGERO.
Zzzz
SKRIT SKRIT
WHUP
MORNING ALREADY...? MUST'VE DOZED OFF...


Twee...
Tweedle Tweet
...

...THE WILDS OF OKU-IZUMO.
WOOOO
WHERE ARE WE?!


ONI NO SHITABURUI... THE QUIVERING DEMON TONGUE!
THE MAKI RIVER, WHICH BRANCHES OUT FROM THE GREATEST RIVER OF THE SAN-IN DISTRICT, THE HI'I RIVER, PASSES THROUGH THIS RAVINE. IT'S CALLED...
RRMMBB
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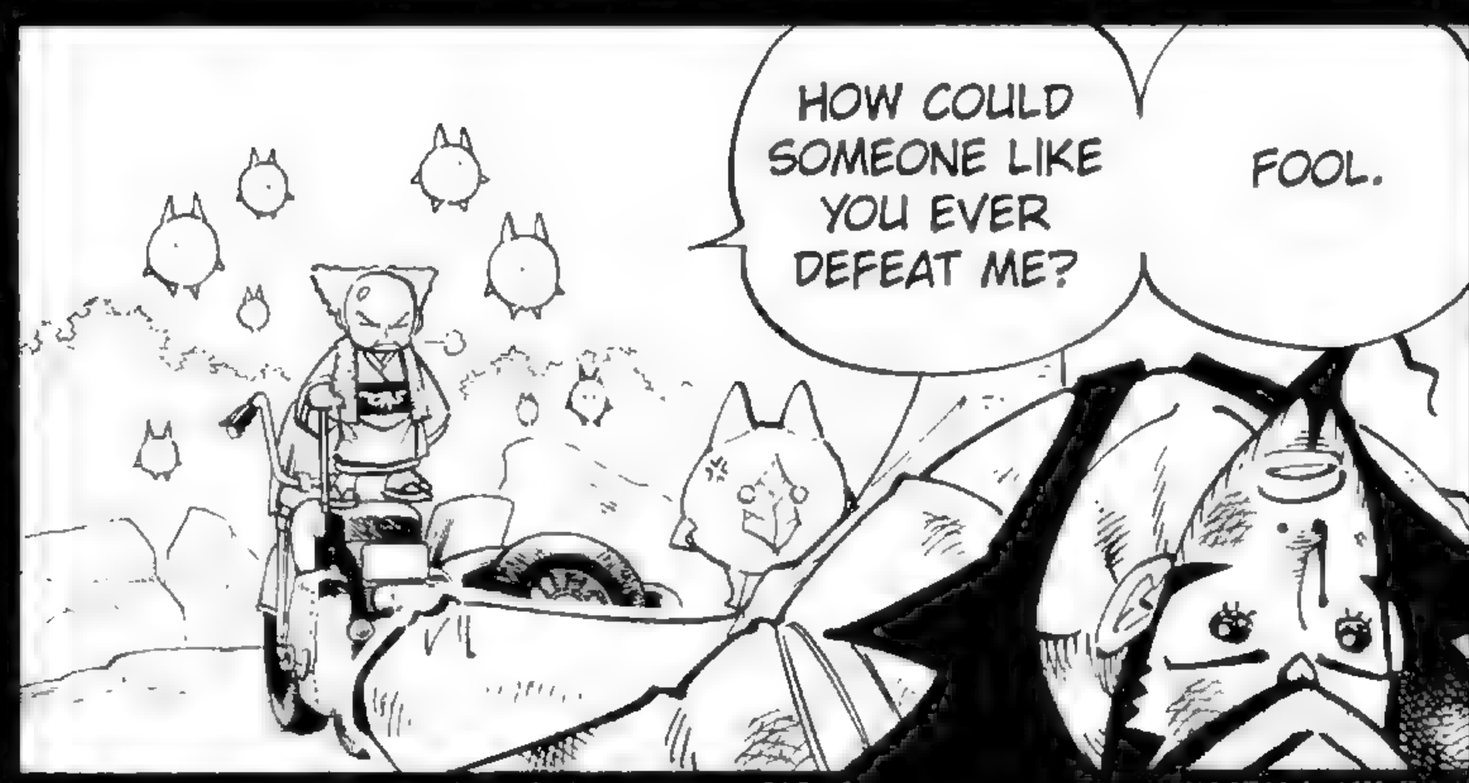
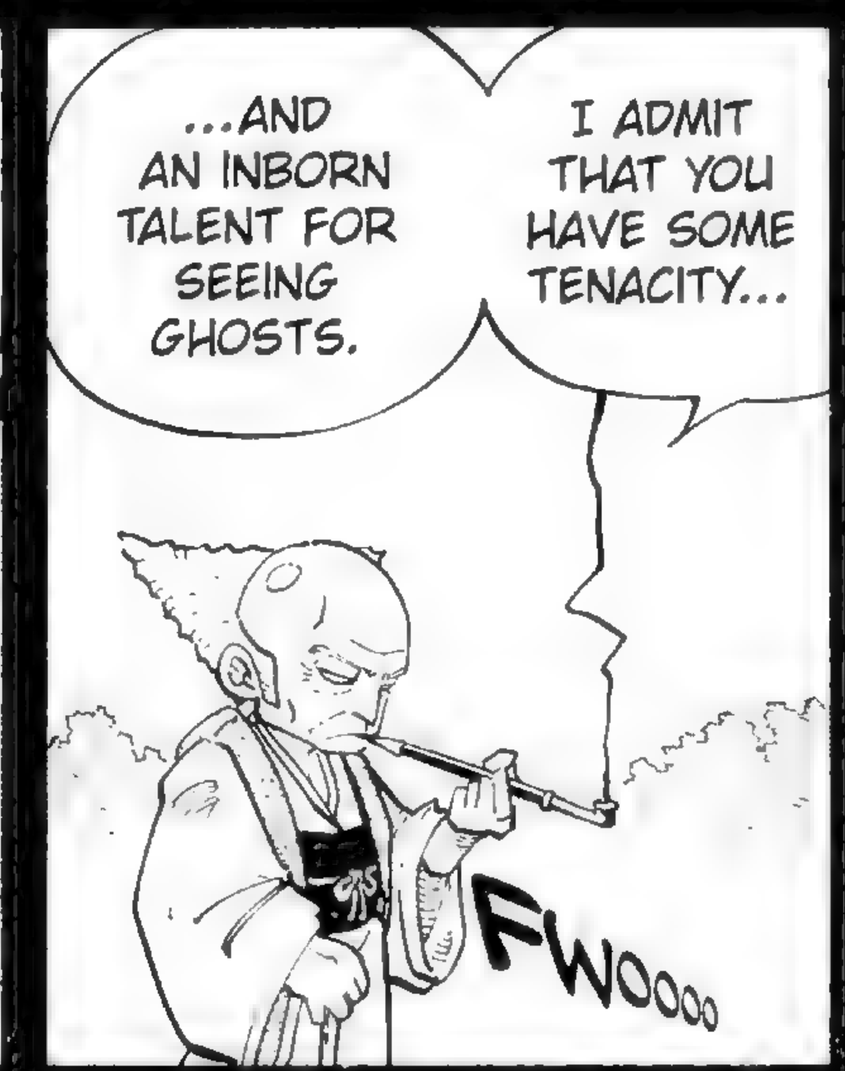
AND IF I'D LEFT YOU THERE, YOU WOULD'VE PERSEVERED FOREVER. SO I BROUGHT YOU OUT HERE LAST NIGHT.
HAVING A DIRT-BAG LIKE YOU LOITERING AT OUR GATE IS BAD FOR BUSINESS.
POPS?! WHY ARE YOU STANDING ON MY BIKE?!
PEEP
THUD

MY TENACITY?!

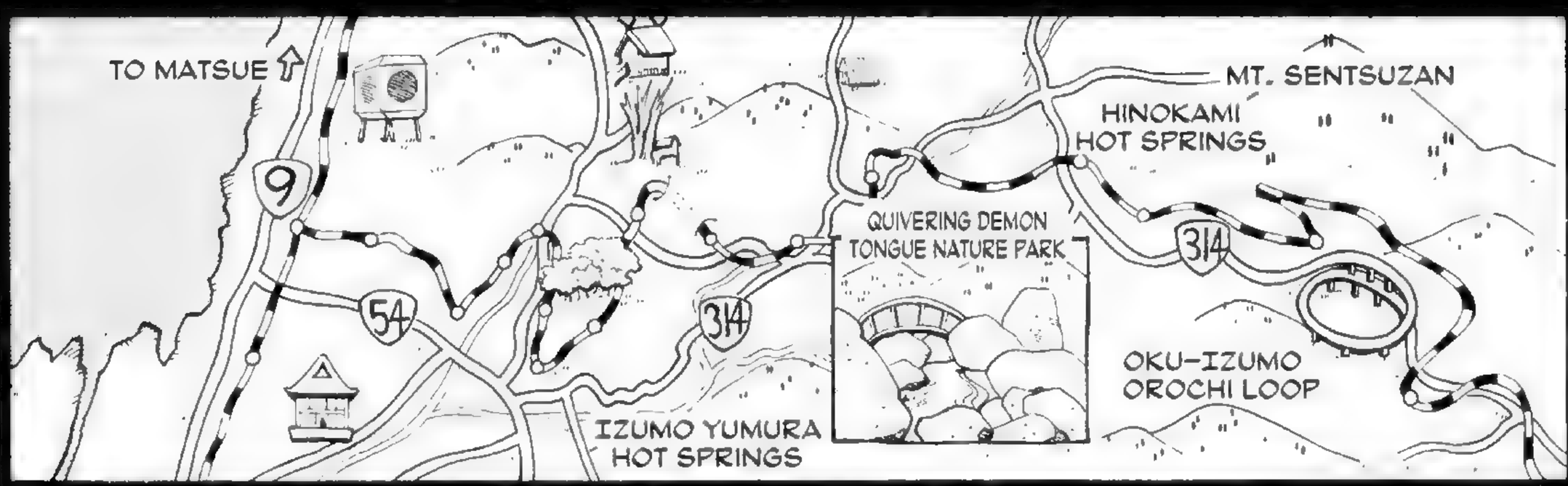
SO, WHILE I WAS AT IT, I THOUGHT I MIGHT AS WELL TEST YOUR TENACITY OF SPIRIT.





...ALL THE WAY TO THE SUMMIT OF MT. SENTSUZAN, THE RIVER'S SOURCE.

...I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU FOLLOW THIS RIVER, WITHOUT EVER USING THE ROADS...



...I WILL TRAIN YOU.

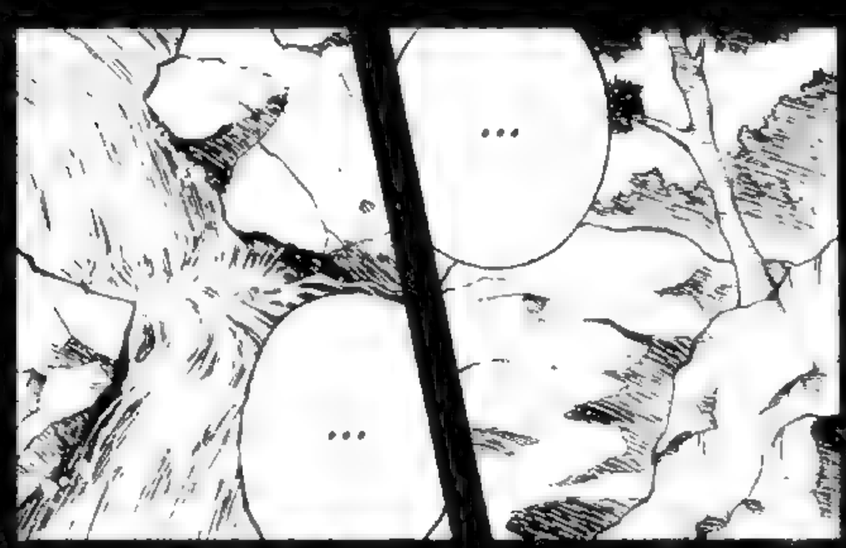
IF YOU REACH THE SUMMIT SUCCESS-FULLY...

THIS SPRITE WILL ENSURE THAT YOU DON'T CHEAT.

YOU RODE MY BIKE OUT HERE?!

VROOOM

VERY WELL. I WILL PRAY FOR YOUR SUCCESS.



THE SUMMIT ...?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT IF HE WANTS ME TO DO IT, I'LL DO IT.

HEH! SOUNDS LIKE FUN.

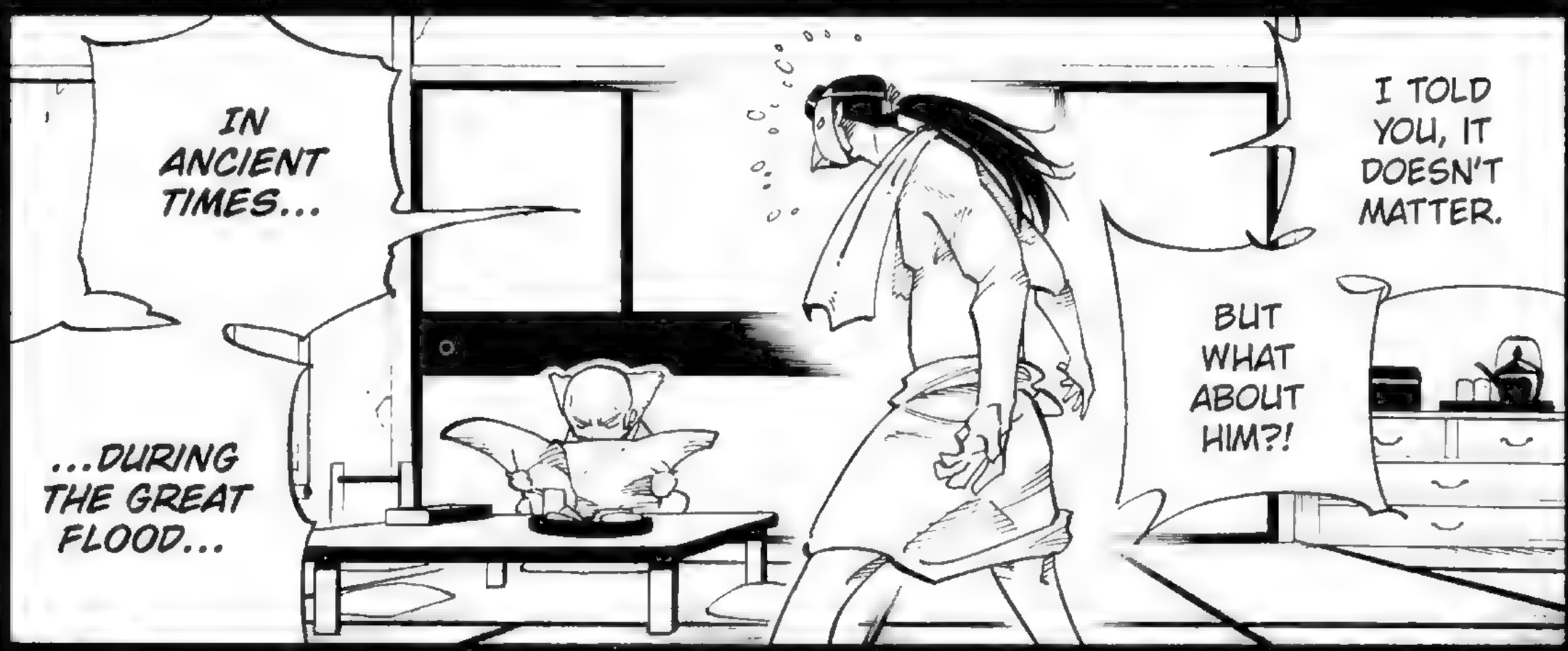
KRAK

POP

Wooo

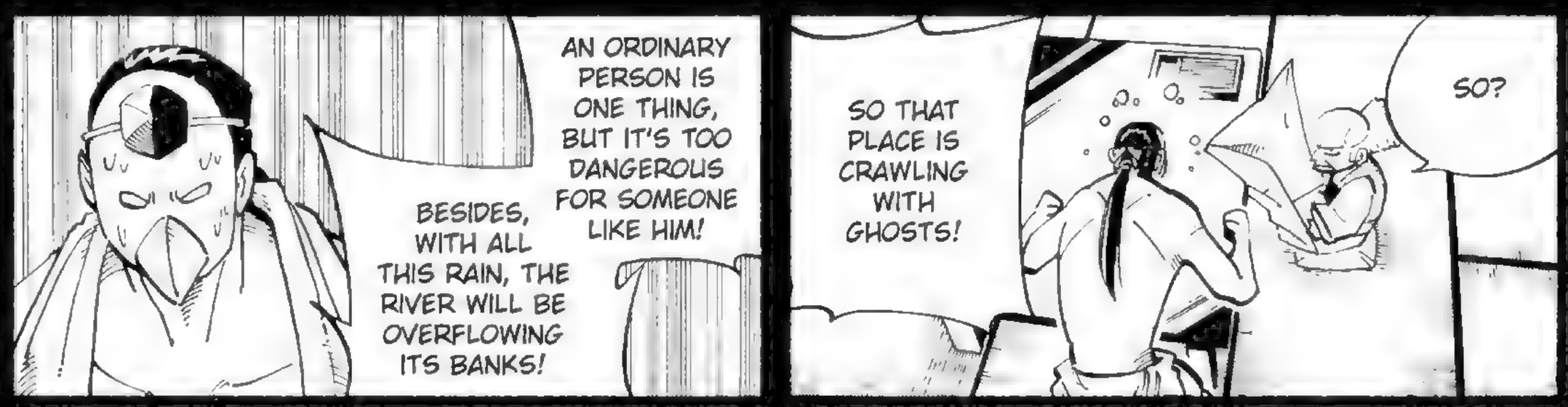
PLEASE, MIKIHISA, TAKE OFF YOUR MASK WHEN YOU'RE IN THE HOUSE.
YOU ACTUALLY SENT HIM TO SENTSUZAN?!

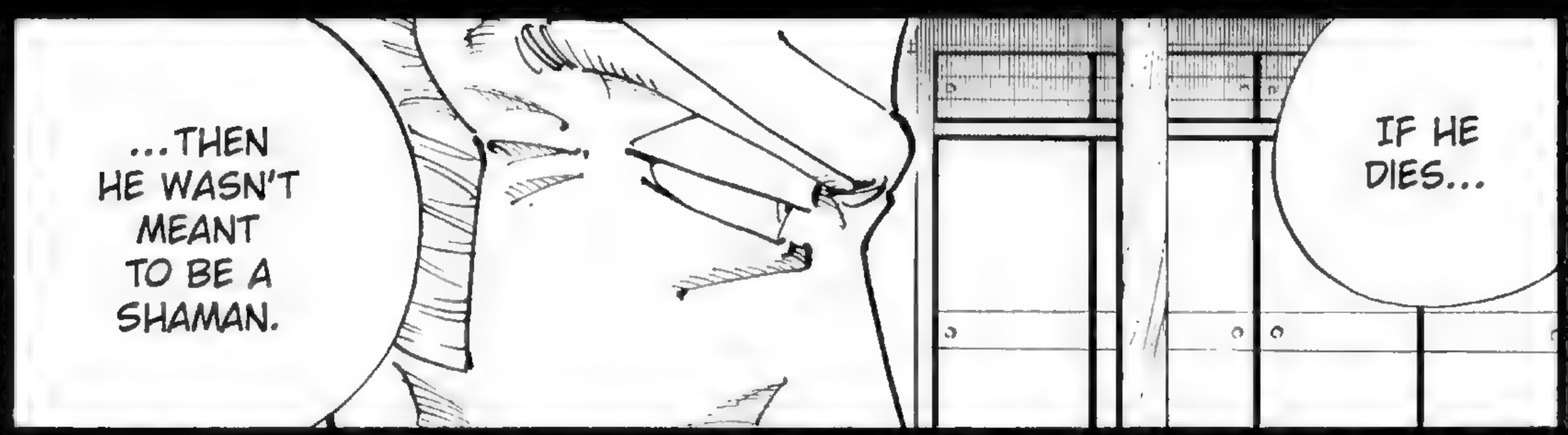
WHAT ?!!


IN ANCIENT TIMES...
...DURING THE GREAT FLOOD...
I TOLD YOU, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
BUT WHAT ABOUT HIM?!

THAT'S WHERE THE LEGEND BEGAN!!

...THAT MOUNTAIN KILLED A LOT OF PEOPLE AND SPAWNED THE MYTH OF YAMATA-NO-OROCHI!





IN TRUTH...

...ANYONE CAN BECOME A SHAMAN. IT ALL DEPENDS ON ONE'S ATTITUDE.

ONE MUST FIRST BELIEVE.

THEN, ONE MUST HAVE GREAT FAITH IN ONE'S OWN ABILITIES.

BUT THAT'S NOT ONLY TRUE FOR SHAMANS... IT APPLIES TO EVERYTHING. EVERYTHING IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH FAITH.

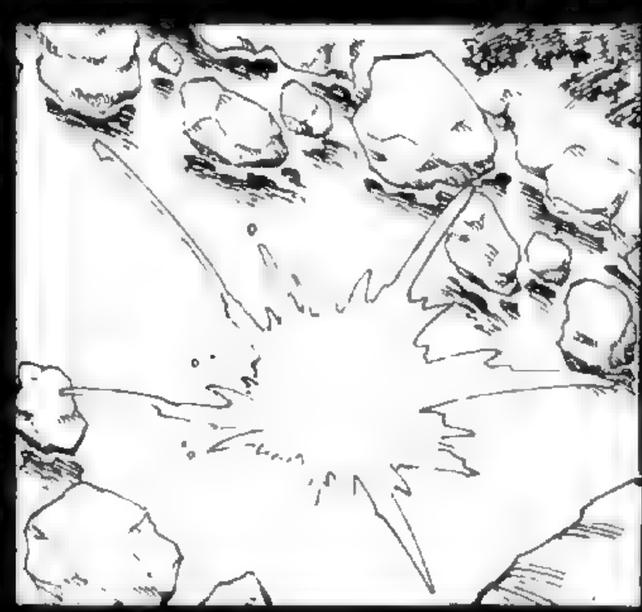
FAITH IS THE SOURCE OF ALL POWER. STRONG BODIES AND GRAND IDEAS ARE BORN OF IT.

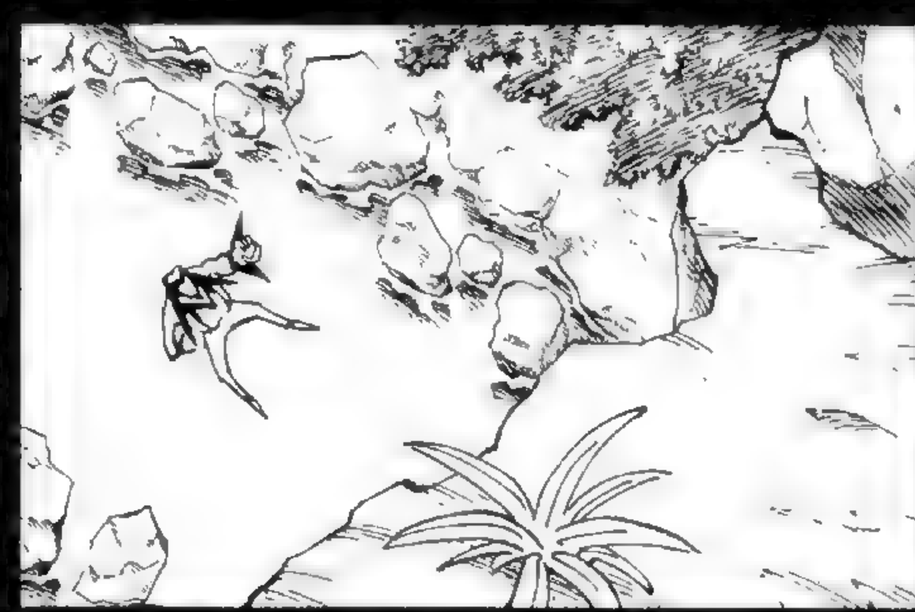
FAITH IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL THINGS.

BUT FAITH IS A DIFFICULT THING FOR HUMAN BEINGS.

IF ONE FAILS IN ANY ENDEAVOR ...

...IT IS BECAUSE ONE'S FAITH WAS INSUFFICIENT TO THE TASK.





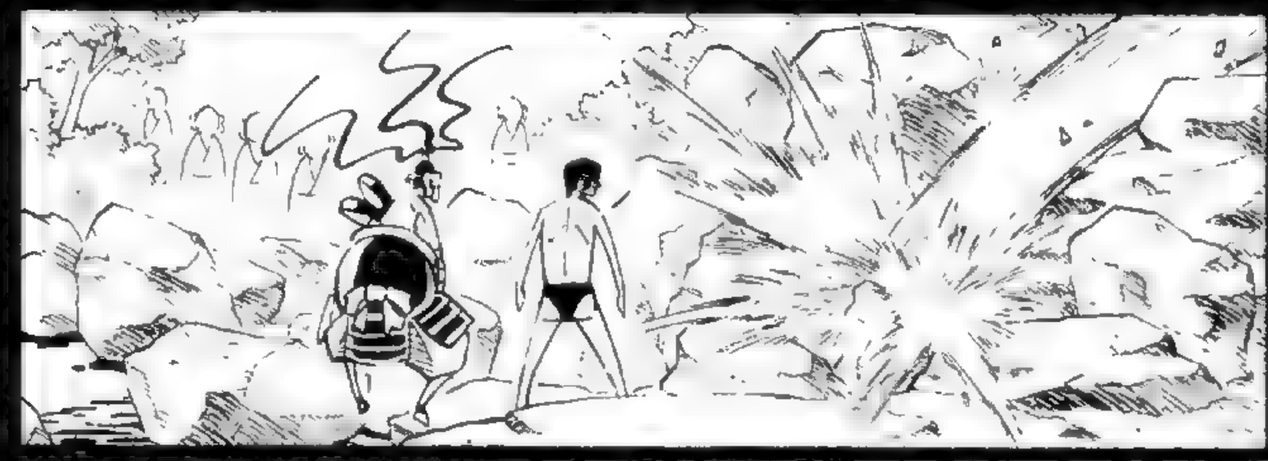
...FAITH IS FRAGILE.
FACED WITH THE UNKNOWN ...

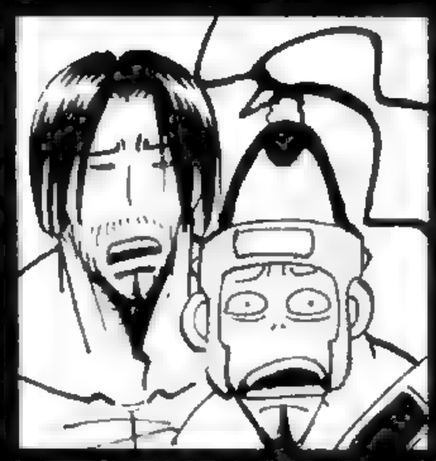
...HE MUST WORK HARD TO KEEP FAITH FROM FLAGGING.
HOWEVER STRONG A PERSON IS...

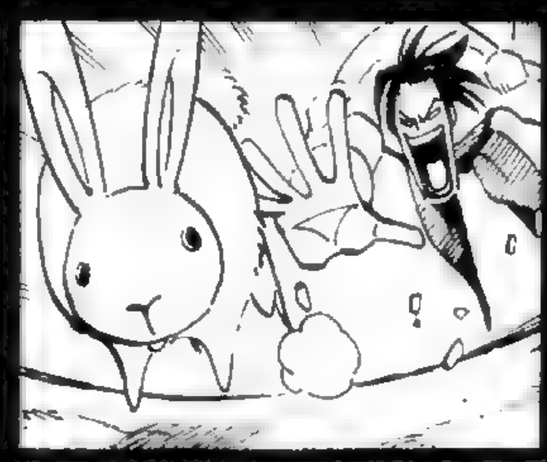
...AN UNWAVERING FAITH IS EVERYTHING.
BUT IN THE WORLD OF SHAMANS, WHERE ONE'S STRENGTH OF SPIRIT IS WHAT MATTERS...

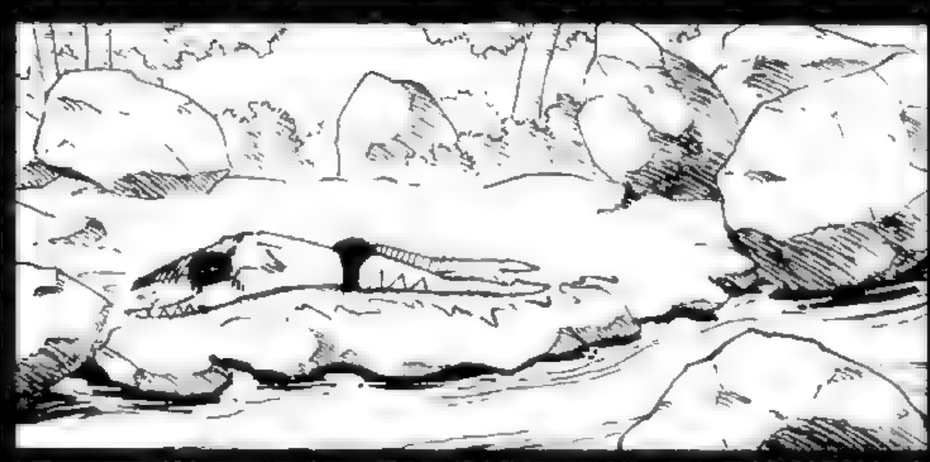
...HE WILL CERTAINLY ENCOUNTER HAO AT SOME POINT.

IF RYU GETS INVOLVED WITH THE ASAKURA FAMILY AND BECOMES A SHAMAN...





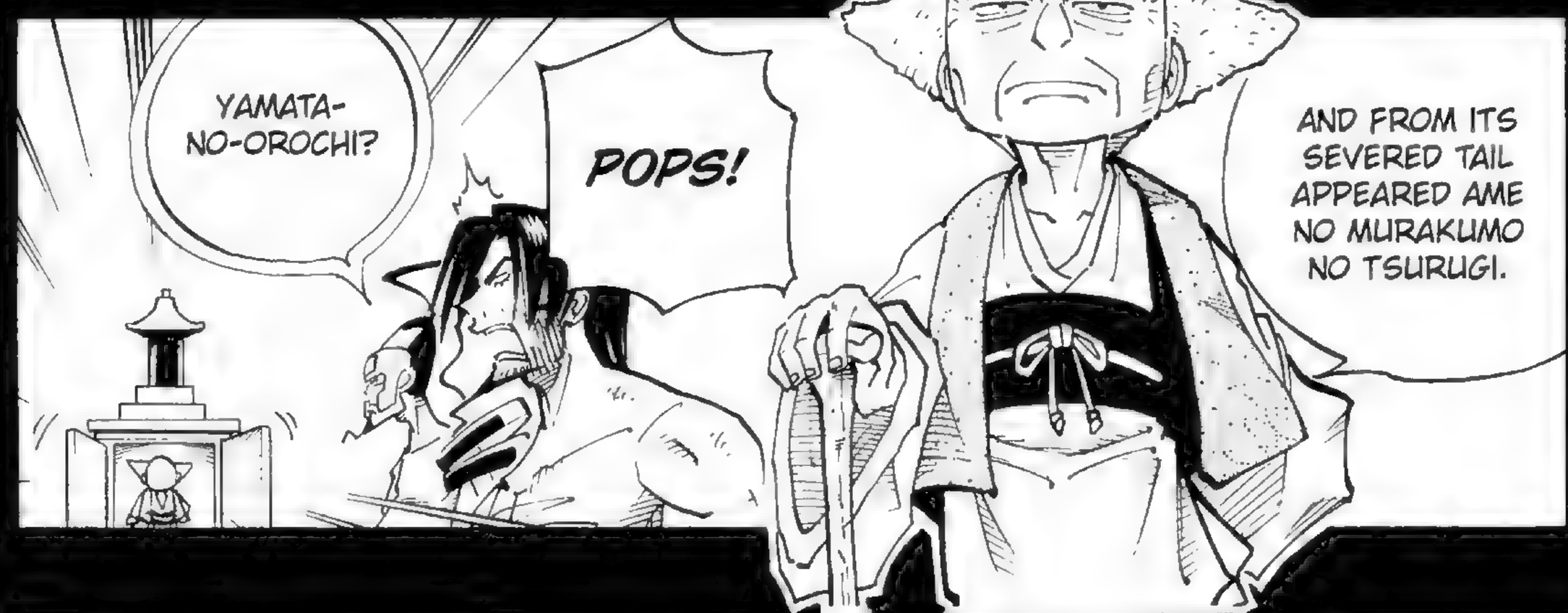




天叢雲劍出顕之地
...BEAUTIFUL ...!
HOW...
THE PLACE WHERE AME NO MURAKUMO NO TSURUGI APPEARED

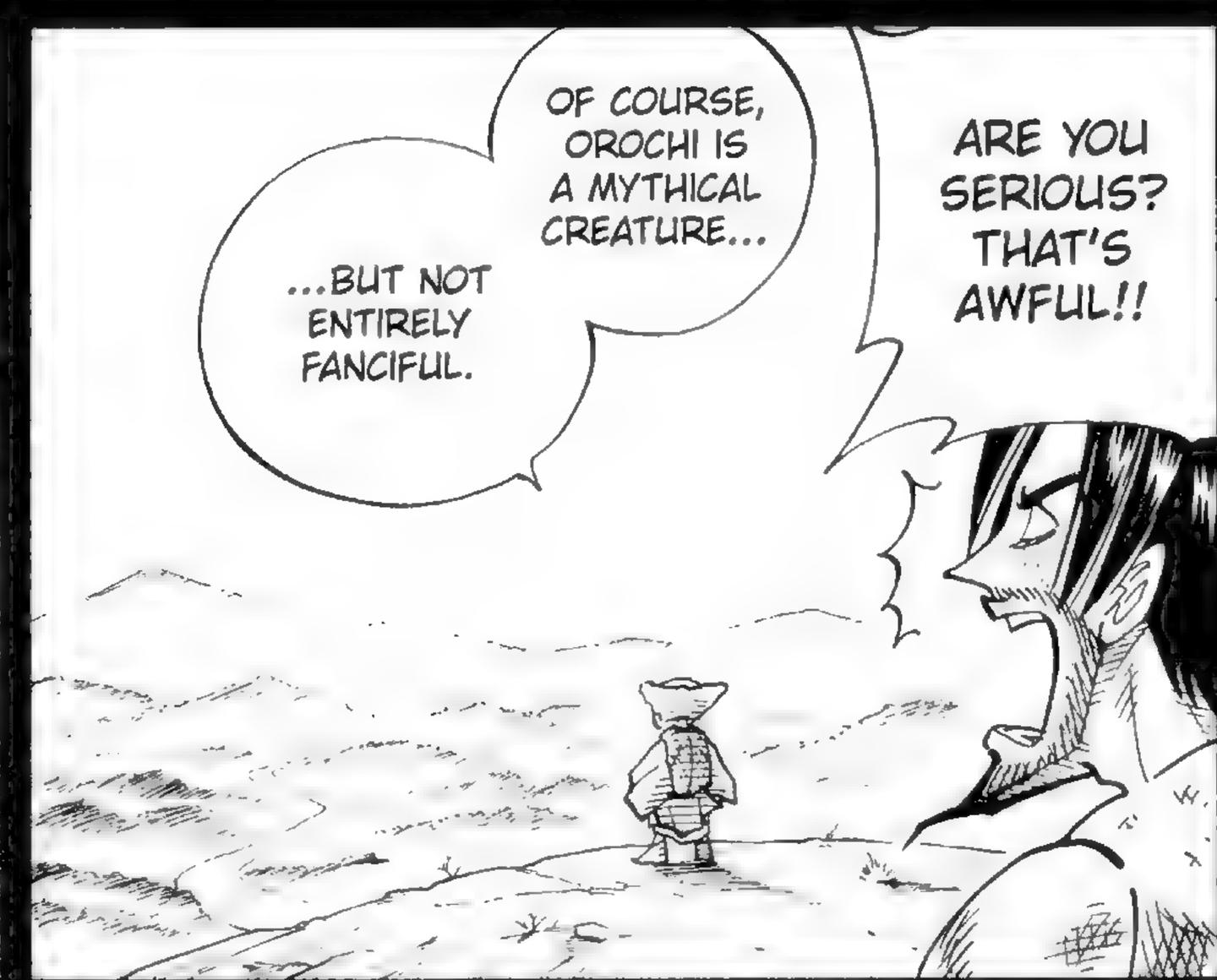
THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE AME NO MURAKUMO NO TSURUGI APPEARED ...
...THE SWORD OF THE GATHERING CLOUDS OF HEAVEN. HERE, SUSANO'O DESCENDED AND SLEW YAMATA-NO-OROCHI, THE SNAKE GOD.

WOOOO
BUT... WHERE ON EARTH...?


YAMATA-NO-OROCHI?
POPS!
AND FROM ITS SEVERED TAIL APPEARED AME NO MURAKUMO NO TSURUGI.

THEY SAY ITS LENGTH EXTENDED OVER EIGHT HILLS AND EIGHT VALLEYS, ITS EYES WERE AS RED AS CHERRIES, AND ITS STOMACH WAS ALWAYS STAINED WITH BLOOD.
OROCHI WAS A SERPENT WITH EIGHT HEADS AND EIGHT TAILS.

IT CAME FROM THIS BEAUTIFUL HI'I RIVER.


OF COURSE, OROCHI IS A MYTHICAL CREATURE...
...BUT NOT ENTIRELY FANCIFUL.
ARE YOU SERIOUS? THAT'S AWFUL!!

SOMETIMES THERE WERE TORRENTIAL RAINS. FLOODS SWEPT AWAY PEOPLE AND CROPS ALIKE.

BUT THE FORCES OF NATURE ARE CAPRICIOUS.

THE SNAKE GOD WAS A GOOD GOD AND BROUGHT LIFE-GIVING RAIN TO THE RICE PADDIES AND VILLAGES.

THE ANCIENTS BELIEVED THAT ABUNDANT HARVESTS WERE GRANTED BY THE GOD OF WATER THAT LIVED IN THE MOUNTAIN FROM WHICH THE RIVERS SPRANG.

AFTER THAT, PEOPLE CAME TO THINK OF THE RIVER AS THE VIOLENT OROCHI THAT THREATENED THEIR LIVES.

ONCE A FLOODING OF THE HI'I RIVER KILLED PRINCESS INADA, THE SPIRIT OF THE RICE FIELDS.

...AND BUILT BEAUTIFUL IZUMO.

DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES, PEOPLE PROTECTED THE LAND...

BUT WHAT HAS THAT GOT TO DO WITH THE SWORD?

HMM...

...LIKE SUSANO'O, WHO CHALLENGED YAMATA-NO-OROCHI...

THEY CHALLENGED THIS MOUNTAIN JUST AS YOU DID, NEVER GIVING UP...

THIS IS MY AME NO MURAKUMO THAT SLEW YAMATA-NO-OROCHI !!!
...AND NEVER GAVE UP!
AH...
MEET MY NEW WOODEN SWORD CARVED FROM SHIN-BOKU-- GOD WOOD!
READY, BORIS?

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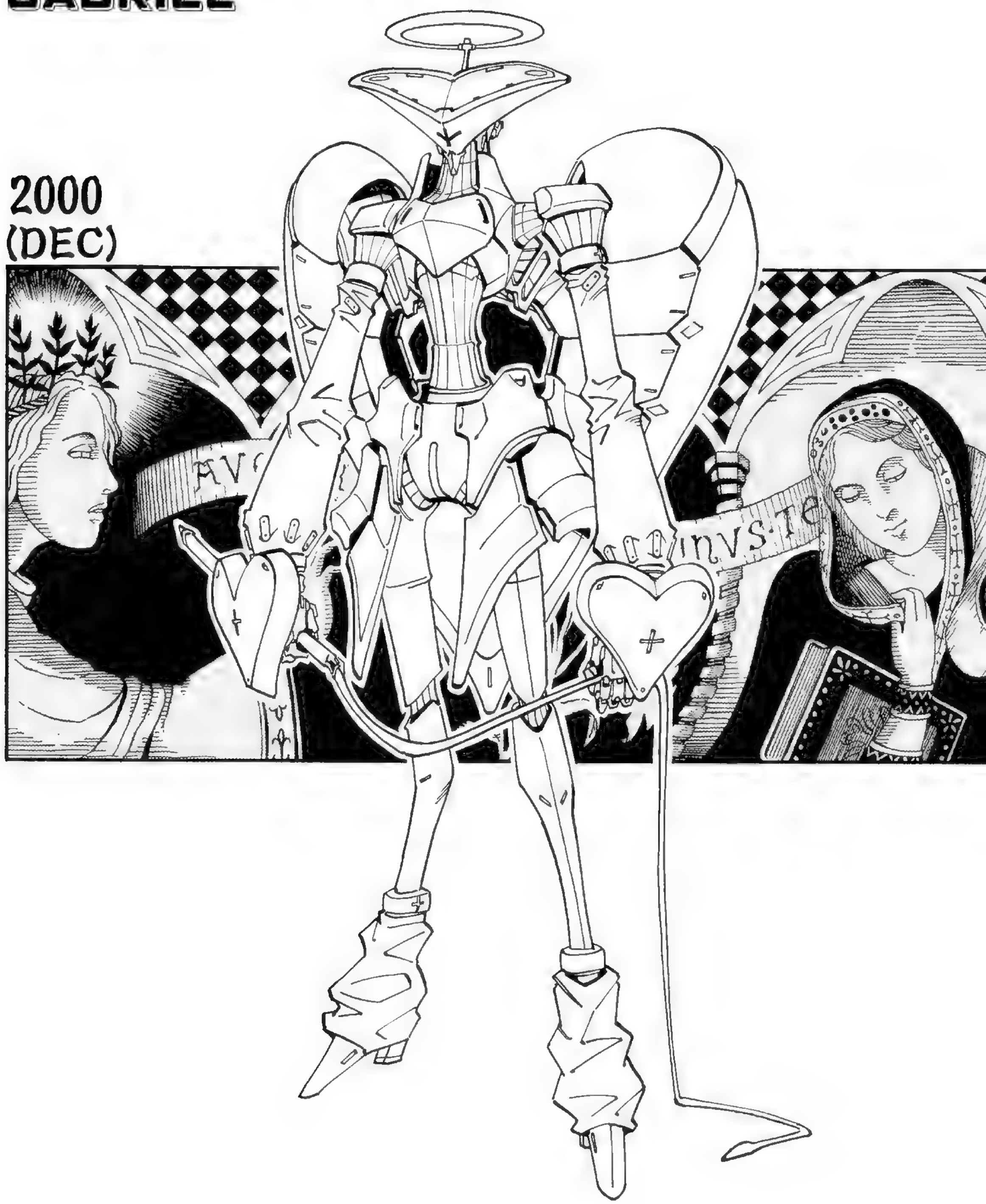
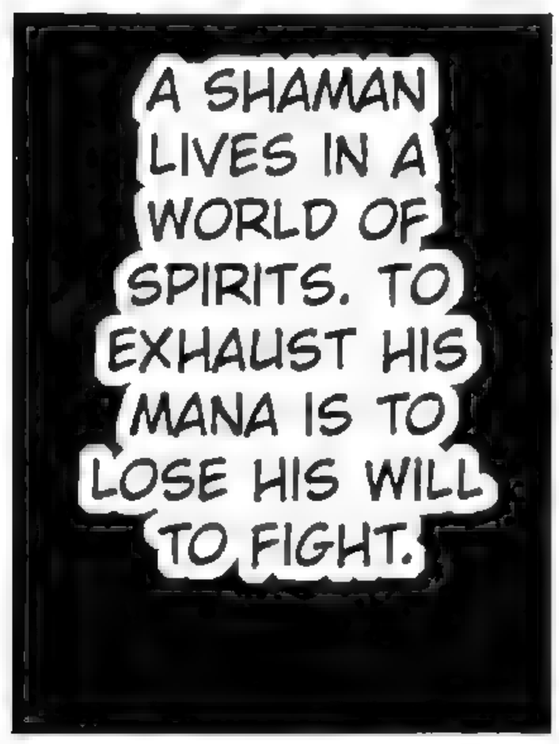


THE BLOOD!!!!

Reincarnation 103: Guns of the Angels

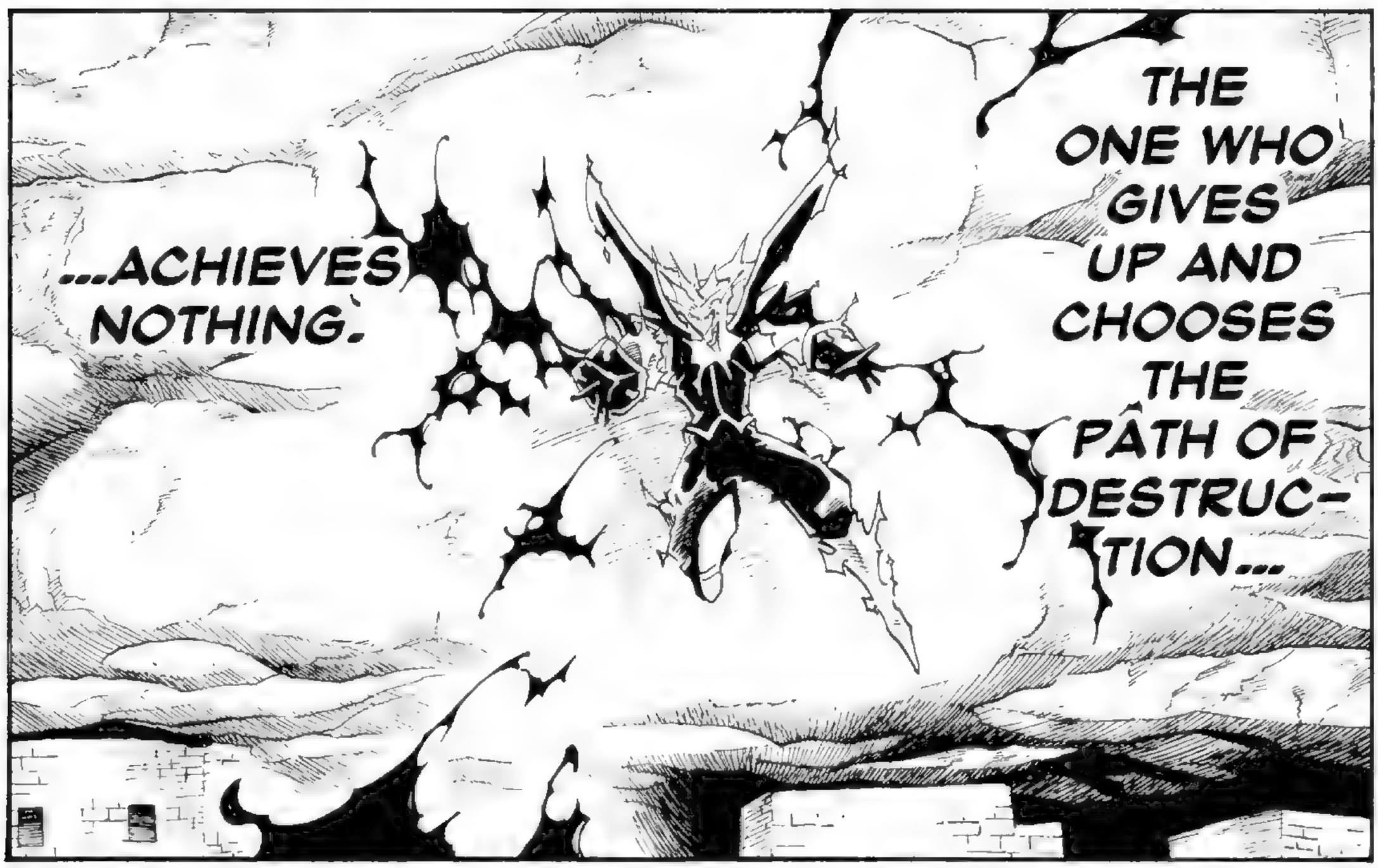
MY OVER SOUL'S BLOOD ISN'T REGENER-ATING!

WHAT HAPPENED?
WHY AM I LOSING TO THIS WRETCH? IN A MOMENT, I WILL HAVE NOTHING TO PROTECT ME...


A SHAMAN LIVES IN A WORLD OF SPIRITS. TO EXHAUST HIS MANA IS TO LOSE HIS WILL TO FIGHT.

THAT CAN'T BE IT. I'VE NEVER CARED ABOUT BLAMURO.
AM I SHAKEN BECAUSE BLAMURO TURNED ON ME?

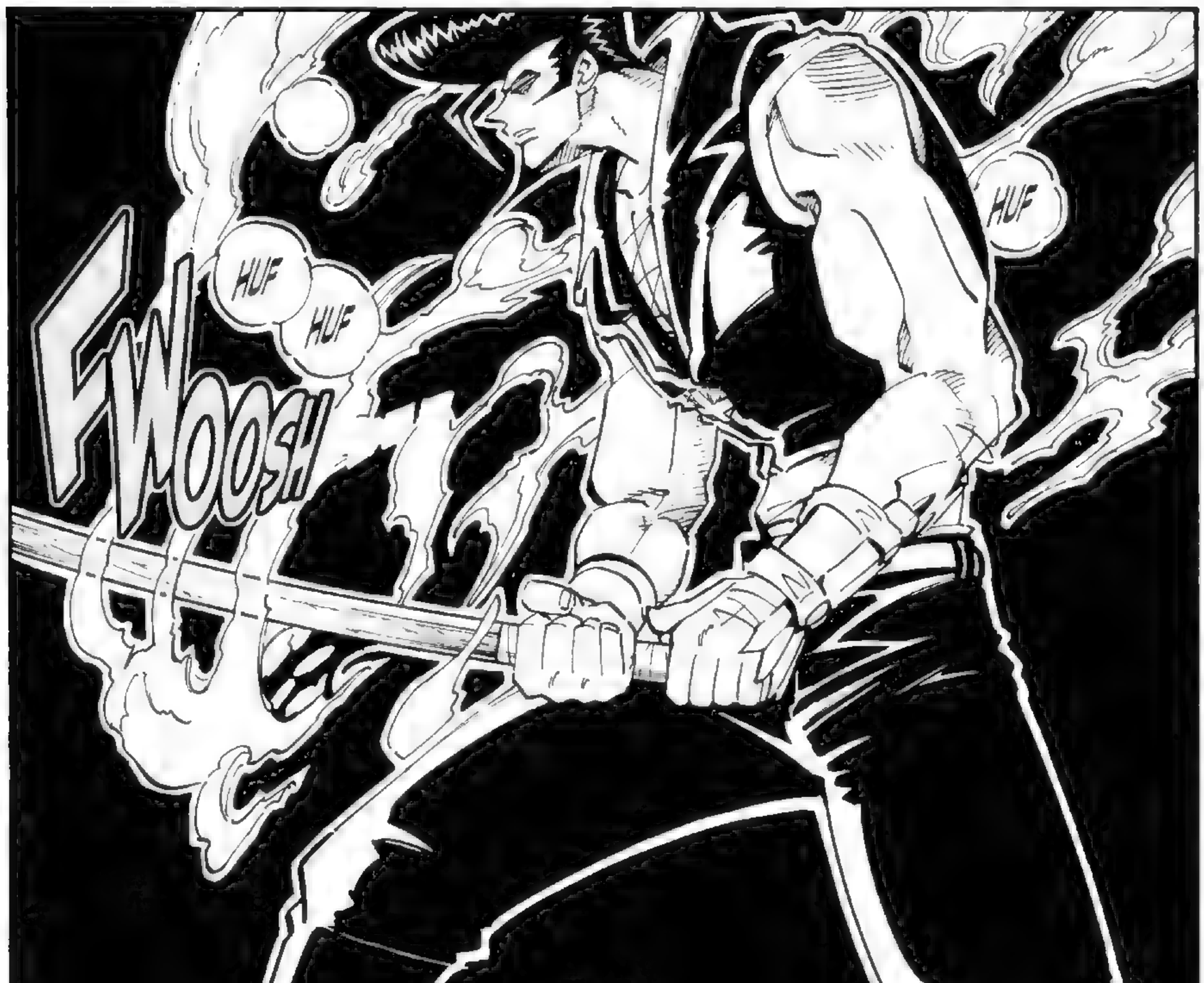
COULD I HAVE EXHAUSTED MY MANA?


...ACHIEVES NOTHING.
THE ONE WHO GIVES UP AND CHOOSES THE PATH OF DESTRUC-TION...

Reincarnation 103:

Guns of the Angels

KA-BOOM



...YOU STUPID FOOL!

YOU...

...YOUR HAPPY PLACE WITH ME, WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO KILL YOU.

PLUP

IF YOU'D LOOKED FOR...

HEY! DID HE FAINT?

WHOOM

RYU!!

WHUP

YOU ...

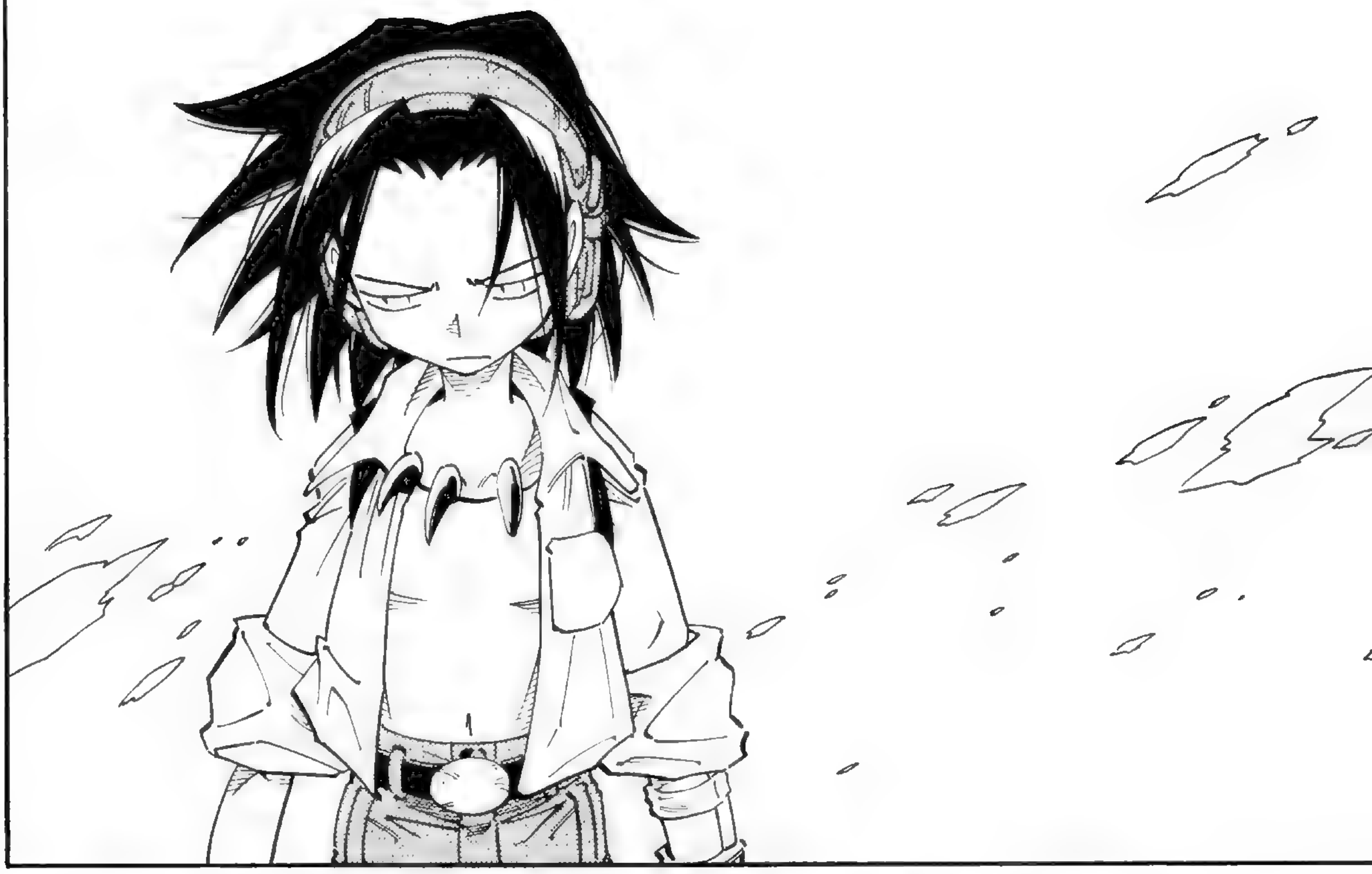
...FOOL...

I'M GLAD I MADE IT BACK IN TIME.
PNUMP
IT'S NO WONDER...
HE EXPENDED A HUGE AMOUNT OF MANA ALL AT ONCE.
I WAS CONSCIOUS THE WHOLE TIME, EVEN WHEN I WAS POSSESSED BY BLAMURO.
LYSERG! YOU'RE CONSCIOUS!

SO MANY...

...INNOCENT BYSTANDERS GOT HURT.

THAT WAS A TERRIBLE FIGHT.

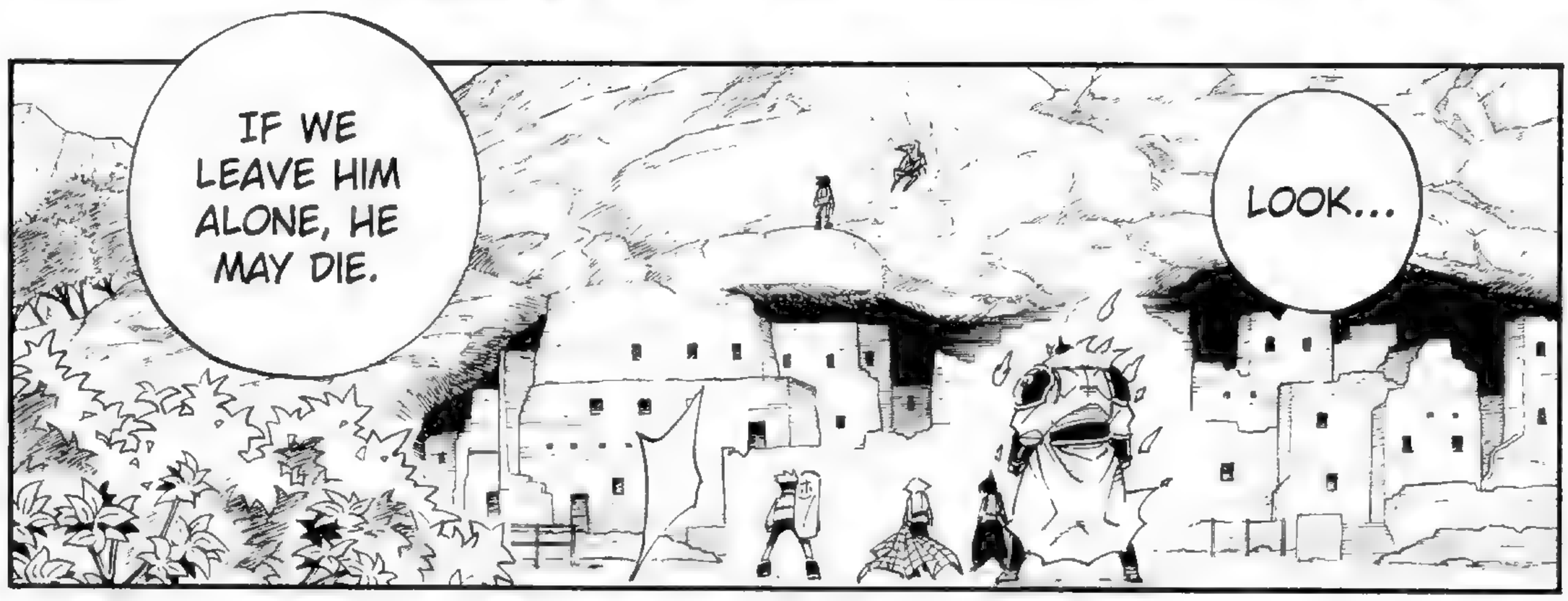


WHOA ?!
I'M GOING TO ASK BORIS ABOUT HAO. BESIDES, I WANT TO SEE HOW HE'S DOING.
URG

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, YOH?
HUH?
TMP TMP

DO YOU WISH TO DIE, LORD YOH?!
HE'S HAO'S MINION! IT'S NO USE QUESTION-ING HIM!

IT'S DANGER-OUS! HE'S STILL ALIVE!
DON'T BE AN IDIOT, YOH!


IF WE LEAVE HIM ALONE, HE MAY DIE.
LOOK...

...RYU'S EFFORTS WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NOTHING.
...IF HE GOES LIKE THAT...

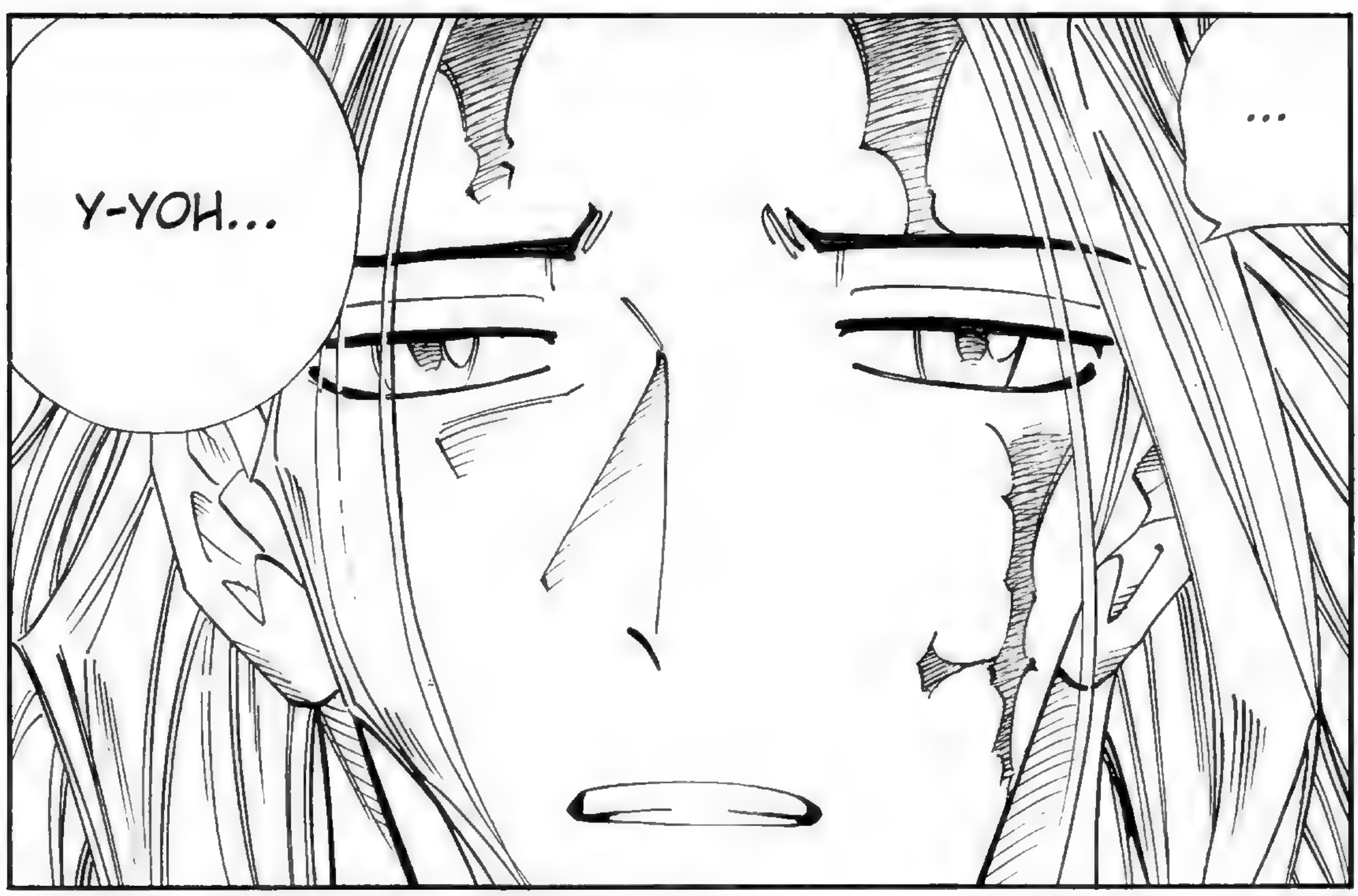
AND...
IF WE LET THAT HAPPEN, WE'D BE A BUNCH OF COMMON MURDERERS.

YOH...

HMPH.

...

...


Y-YOH...
...

SHUNK

THE IS ?!!
SHE'S
DEEN
BAM!

...MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL.

HIS NAME IS...

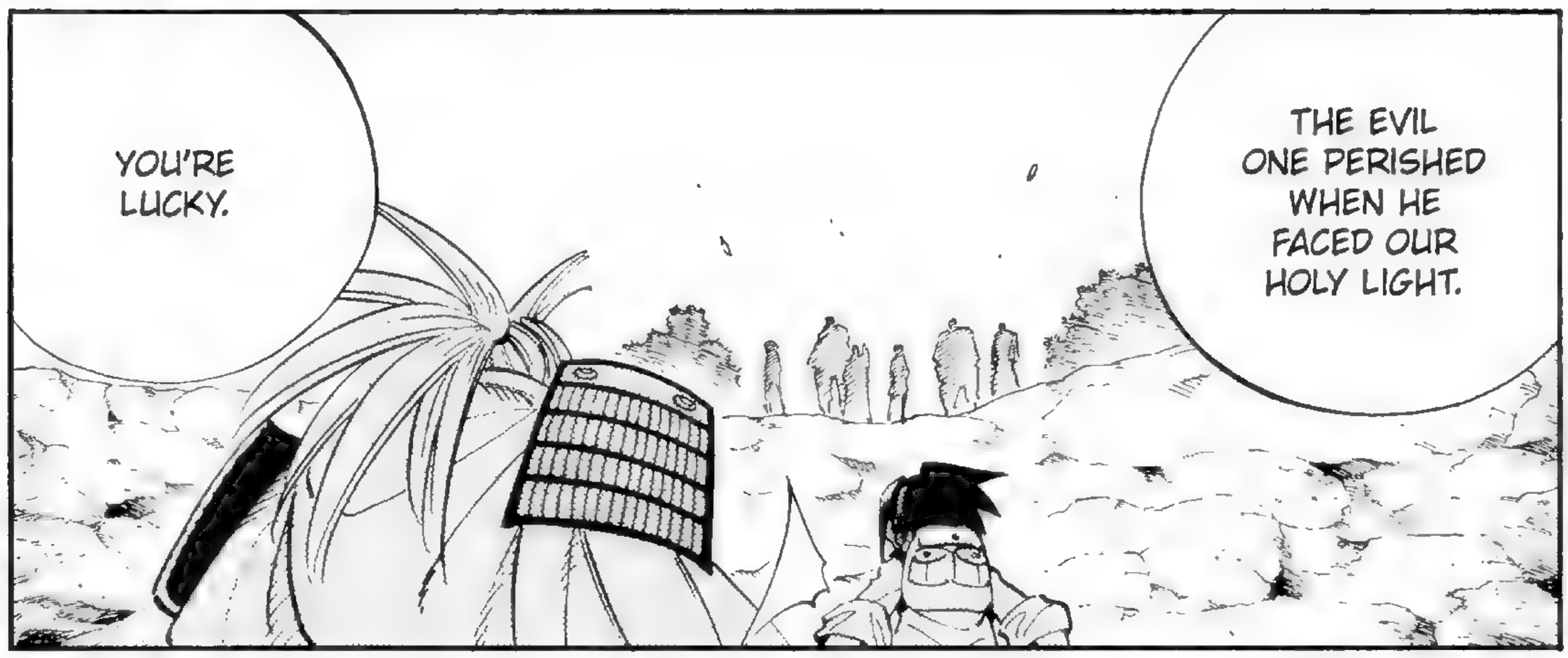
WHAT HECK THAT

!!!

HE WIELDS THE SWORD OF PUNISHMENT AND CONDEMNS THE WICKED.

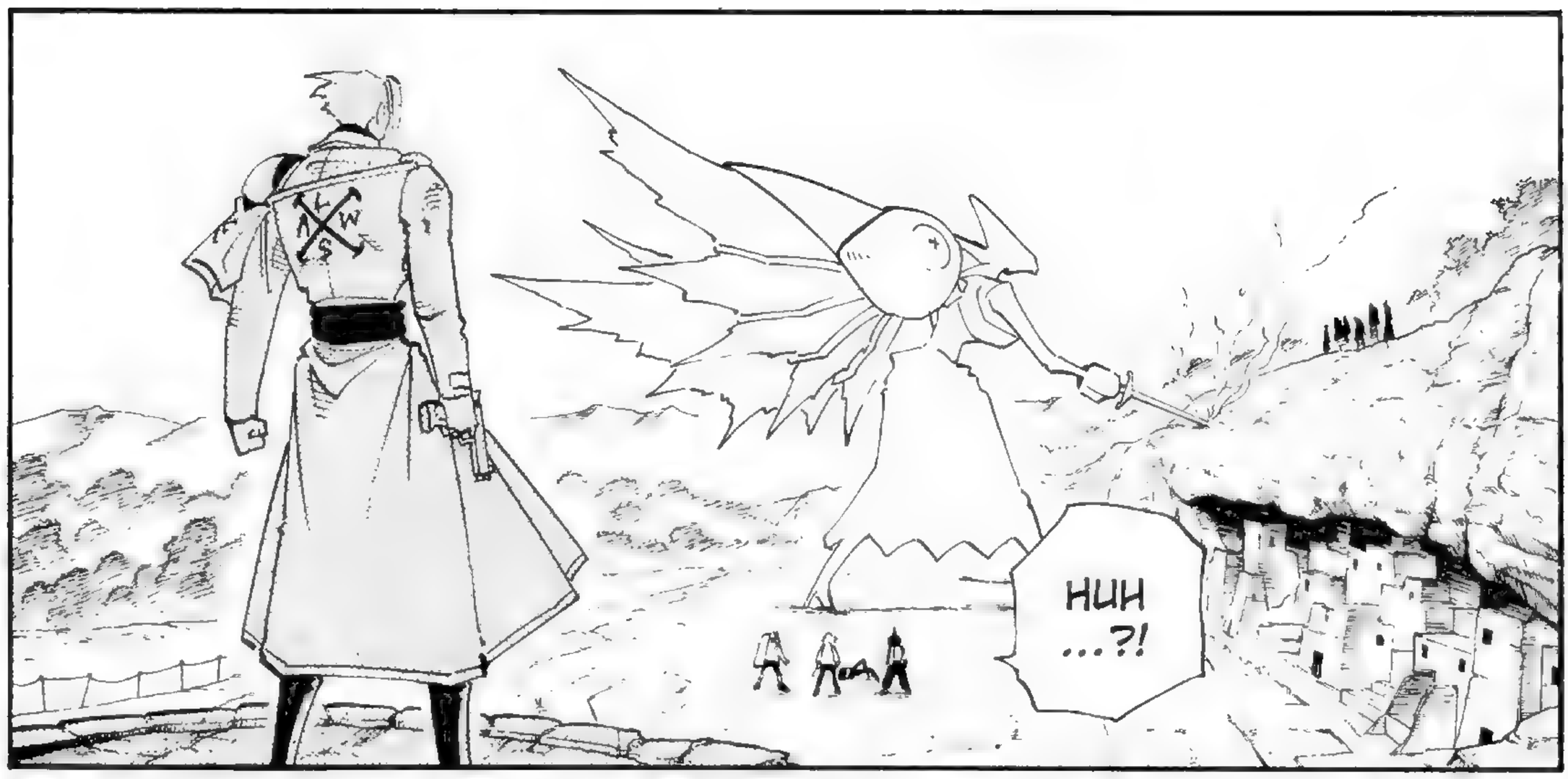
HE'S MY SPIRIT ALLY.

FLASH



TRAMP

IF WE *X-LAWS* HADN'T ARRIVED, HIS SWORD WOULD'VE SLAIN YOU ALL.


HUH
...?!

X-LAWS
...?!

READ THIS WAY
WOW...!
...THAT MEANS THEY'RE...
HUH?
GEEZ, HOW CAN HE REMEMBER THAT?!
...AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND IN THE PATCH JUMBO JET.
I SAW THEM...
WHO ARE THEY?! AND WHY ARE THEY ALL DRESSED UP LIKE THAT?

OUR ORGANIZATION IS PARTICIPATING IN THE SHAMAN FIGHT FOR A SINGLE PURPOSE.
CHAK
EXACTLY.

FWAP
CLAWS
WE ARE...

...HAO, THE DETESTABLE RINGLEADER OF EVIL.

...HERE SOLELY TO DEFEAT...

WE CAME HERE BECAUSE ...
...WE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM OUR FRIENDS THAT FIVE MINIONS OF HAO WERE HEADING THIS WAY.

ACCORDING TO OUR RESEARCH, NOT ONLY THE PATCH TRIBE BUT 80% OF THE SHAMANS PARTICIPATING IN THE FIGHT HAVE SOME KIND OF CONNECTION TO HAO.
DO I KNOW HAO? HE HAS APPEARED MANY TIMES THROUGHOUT HISTORY.

I'M MARCO, CAPTAIN OF TEAM ANGEL. WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE.
SO DON'T WORRY.

SHAMAN KING CHARACTER FILE No.55

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URIEL

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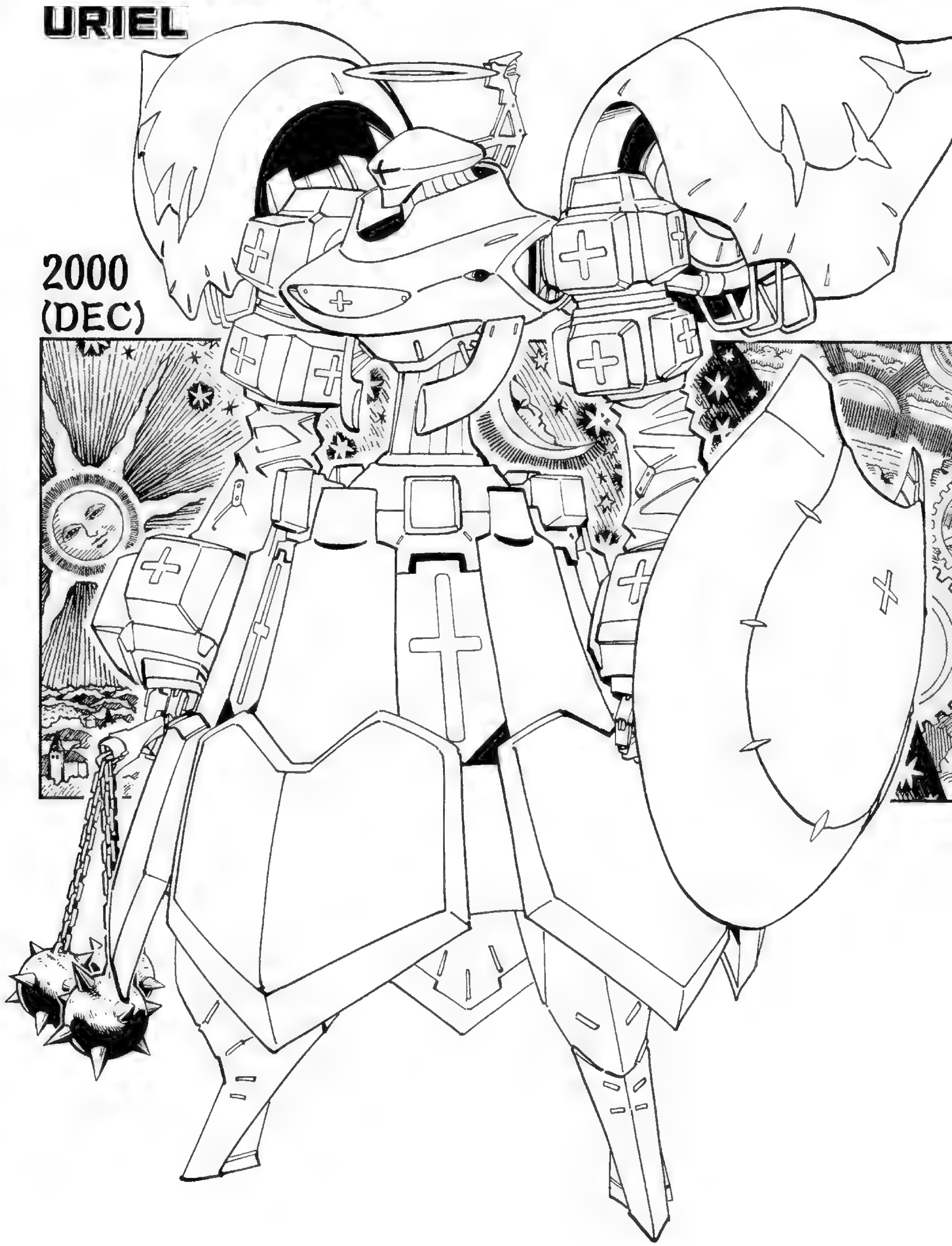
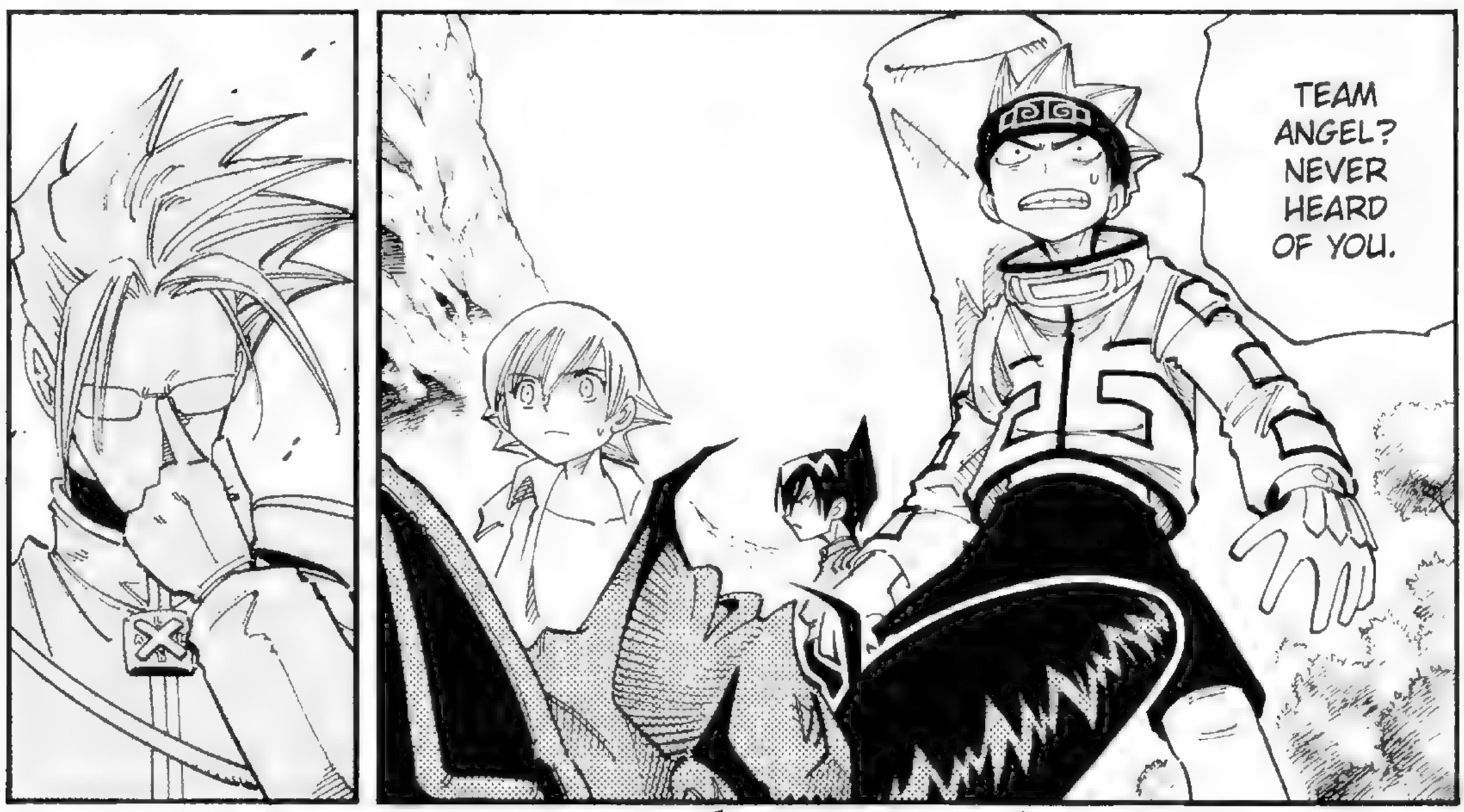


YOU'RE... ON OUR SIDE?!

RRMBB

RRMBB



Reincarnation 104: Smiling Judgment

WE DON'T KNOW WHY YOU WERE ATTACKED, BUT ANYONE WHO INTERESTS HAO, INTERESTS US.

WE X-LAWS ARE A TEAM OF JUSTICE-SEEKERS DEDICATED TO HAO'S OVER-THROW.

CHING

...!

...YOUR ERSTWHILE ATTACKER WAS ONE OF HAO'S MINIONS.

YOU SEE ...

THEY'RE POWERFUL. YOU'D BE NO MATCH FOR THEM BY YOURSELVES.

WE'VE ALSO LEARNED THAT OTHERS OF HAO'S PEOPLE HAVE ENTERED THE CAVE.

SHEEN

SO... FOR YOUR OWN GOOD ...

...YOU SHOULD CONTINUE ON WITH US.

Reincarnation 104: Smiling Judgment

...MOST PEOPLE ARE TAKEN ABACK BY OUR WHITE UNIFORMS.
THE TRUTH IS...
...

ALL OF US X-LAWS ARE VICTIMS OF HAO IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
BUT THEY'RE A SIGN OF OUR SOLIDARITY.
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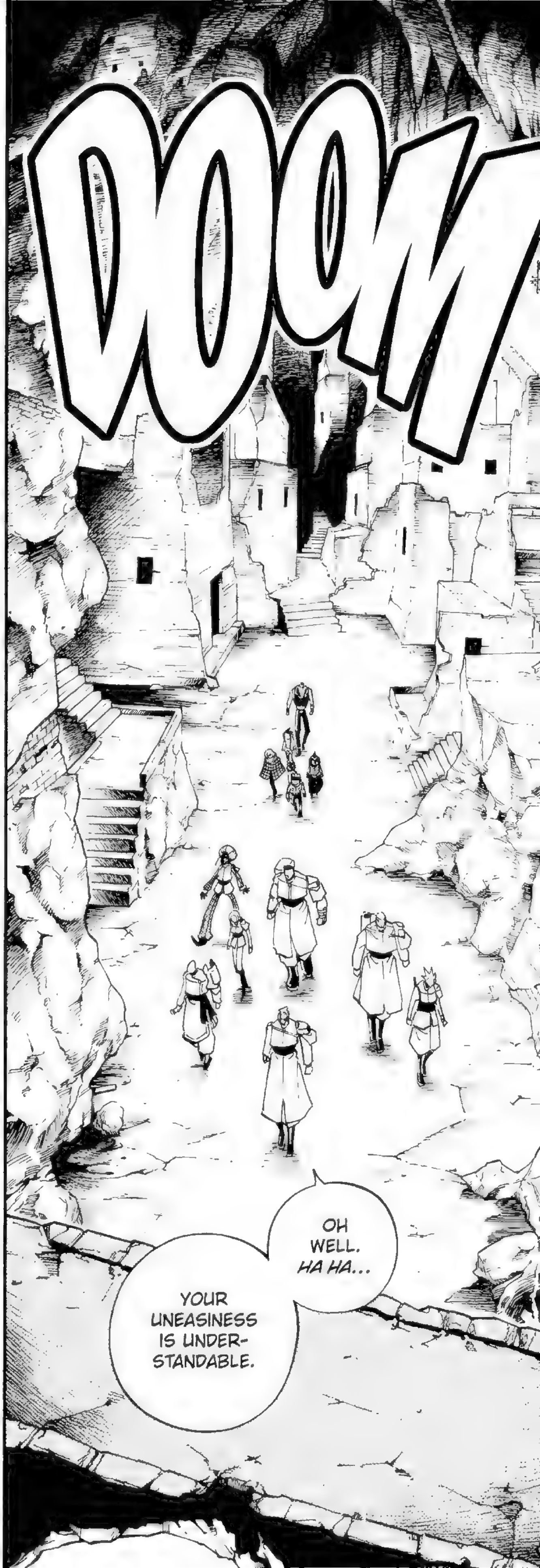
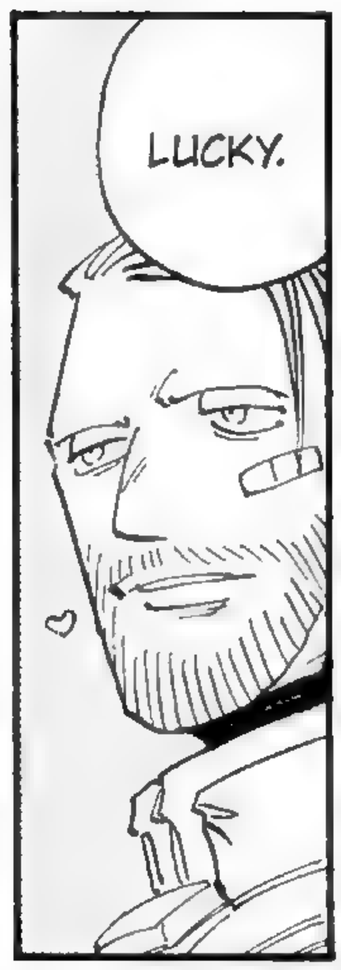
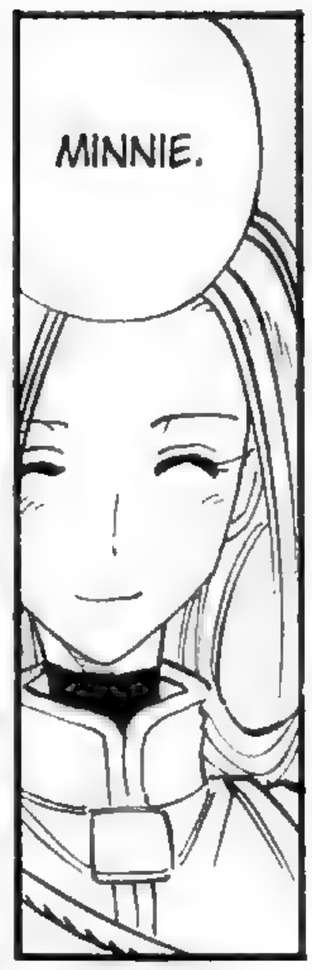

ROAR!
YOUR UNEASINESS IS UNDER-STANDABLE.
OH WELL. HA HA...

READ THIS WAY





ARE WE ACTUALLY GONNA GO WITH THEM, YOH?

NO WAY. I DON'T GET IT MYSELF.

IT'S A LONG STORY. YOU EXPLAIN, HOROHORO.

WHO ARE THEY? WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED WHILE I WAS ASLEEP?

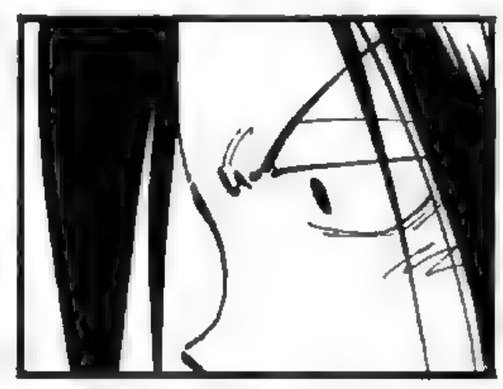
HUH?
WOING

I GUESS WE'RE ALL HEADING THE SAME WAY.
I DON'T KNOW.

HEH... ARE YOU UPSET BECAUSE THEY KILLED BORIS?

NOTHING! I'M FINE!
GRRR
WHAT'S EATING YOU?

WHAT?
BORIS ...?!



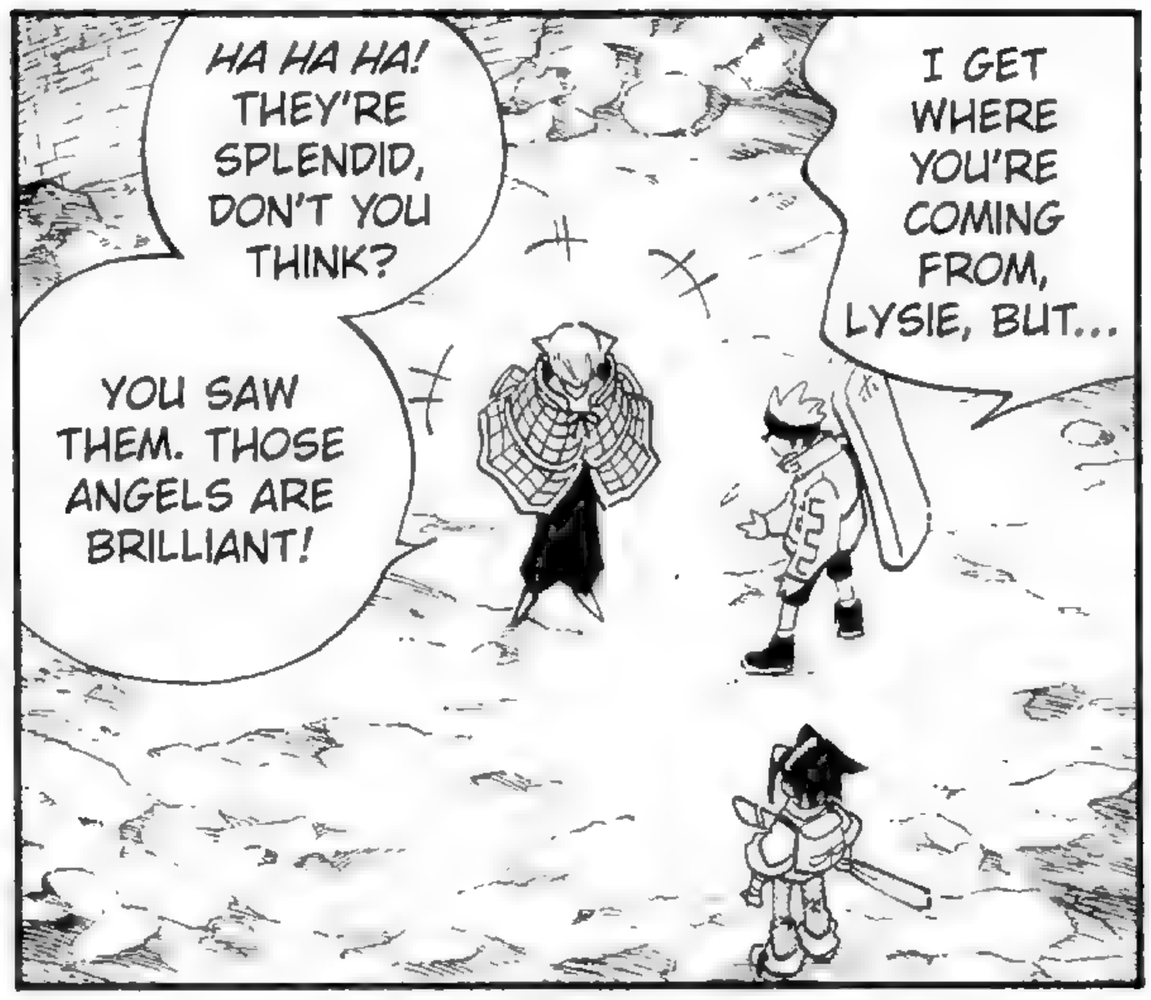
BORIS WAS A CRIMINAL WHO KILLED LOTS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE.
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

BORIS...

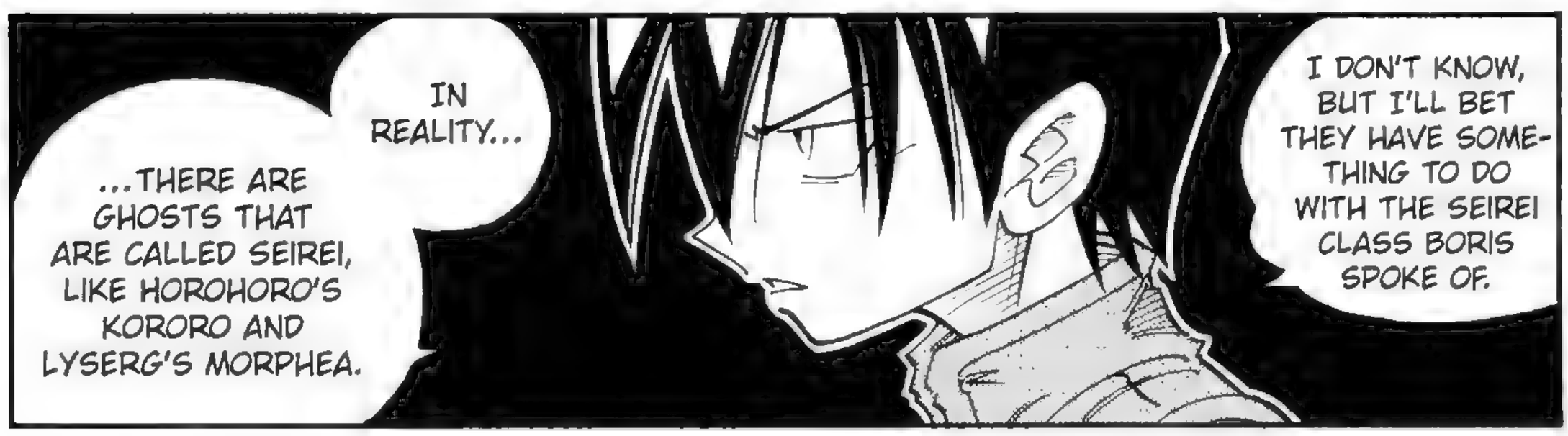
...WORKED FOR HAO, WHO KILLED MY PARENTS.

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH EXECUTING A MURDERER.

THEIR SPIRIT ALLIES WERE VERY UNUSUAL.
MASTER ...


HA HA HA! THEY'RE SPLENDID, DON'T YOU THINK?
YOU SAW THEM. THOSE ANGELS ARE BRILLIANT!
I GET WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM, LYSIE, BUT...

MICHAEL IS AN ANGEL OUT OF MYTH. DO SUCH BEINGS REALLY EXIST?
YES.
I'VE BEEN A GHOST FOR 500 YEARS, YET I'VE NEVER ENCOUNTERED THEIR LIKE.


IN REALITY...
...THERE ARE GHOSTS THAT ARE CALLED SEIREI, LIKE HOROHORO'S KORORO AND LYSERG'S MORPHEA.
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I'LL BET THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE SEIREI CLASS BORIS SPOKE OF.

FLASH
I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE REAL ANGELS OR NOT, BUT THEIR POWER IS IMPRESSIVE.

...THEN MAYBE GODS AND ANGELS REALLY DO EXIST.
IF SOULS EVOLVE INTO SEIREI AFTER A CERTAIN LENGTH OF TIME...

...SO WHATEVER THEY ARE, THEY'LL EVENTUALLY BE FORMIDABLE OPPONENTS FOR US.

AND THEY'RE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SHAMAN FIGHT...

THEY MUST'VE OVERWHELMED BORIS BY SHEER NUMBERS.

SO MANY...

DOOM

DID YOU THINK THAT JOINING FORCES WITH THESE LOSERS WOULD HELP YOU GET THROUGH, X-LAWS?

YOU GUYS!!

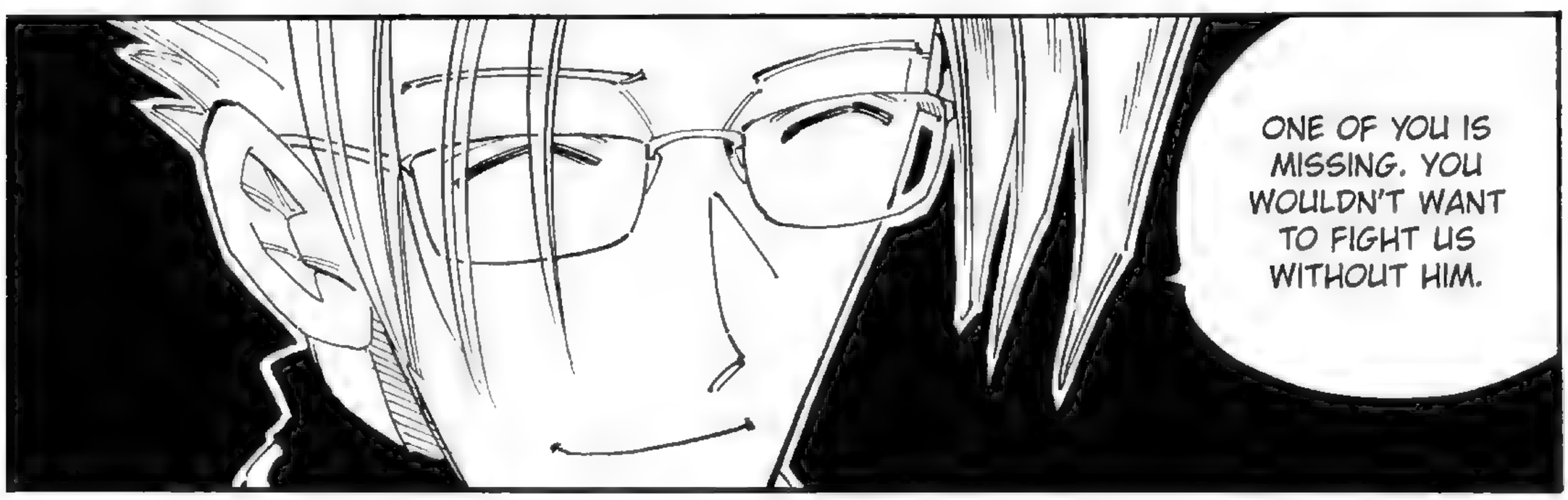
WIP

!

YOU LAUGH? MAYBE WE'LL RIP YOU TO PIECES RIGHT HERE AND NOW!

YOU DON'T SEEM TO TAKE US VERY SERIOUSLY.
HEH...

...KNOW WHO WE ARE?
THEY...


ONE OF YOU IS MISSING. YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO FIGHT US WITHOUT HIM.

THE MISSING ONE IS BUSY AT THE MOMENT.
I CAN HANDLE THE LIKES OF YOU BY MYSELF.

SIGS-BOOM-BAM

THAT'S BECAUSE I HAVE TO CONSTANTLY CLEAN UP WHAT'S LEFT OF LORD HAO'S ENEMIES.

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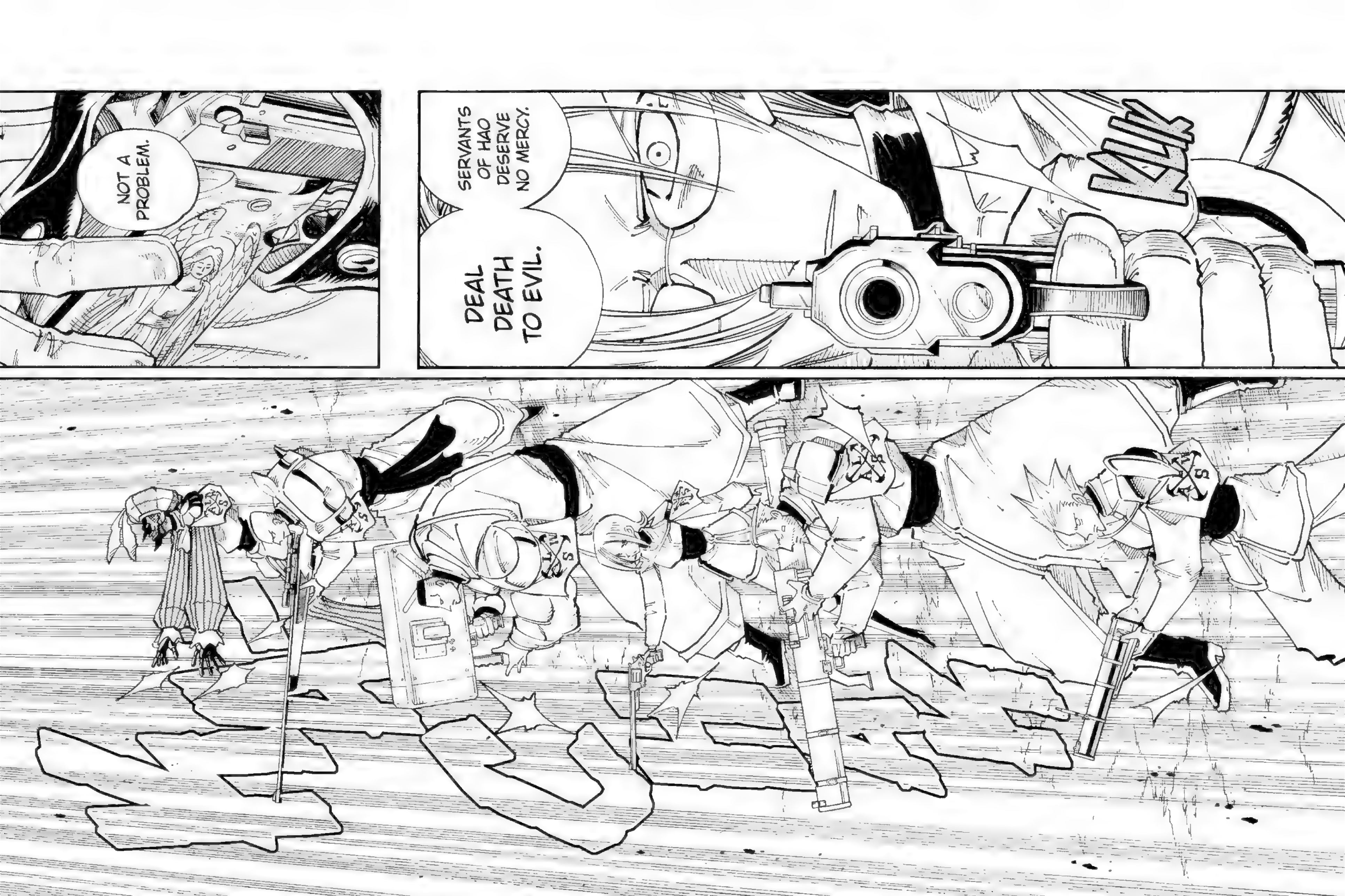
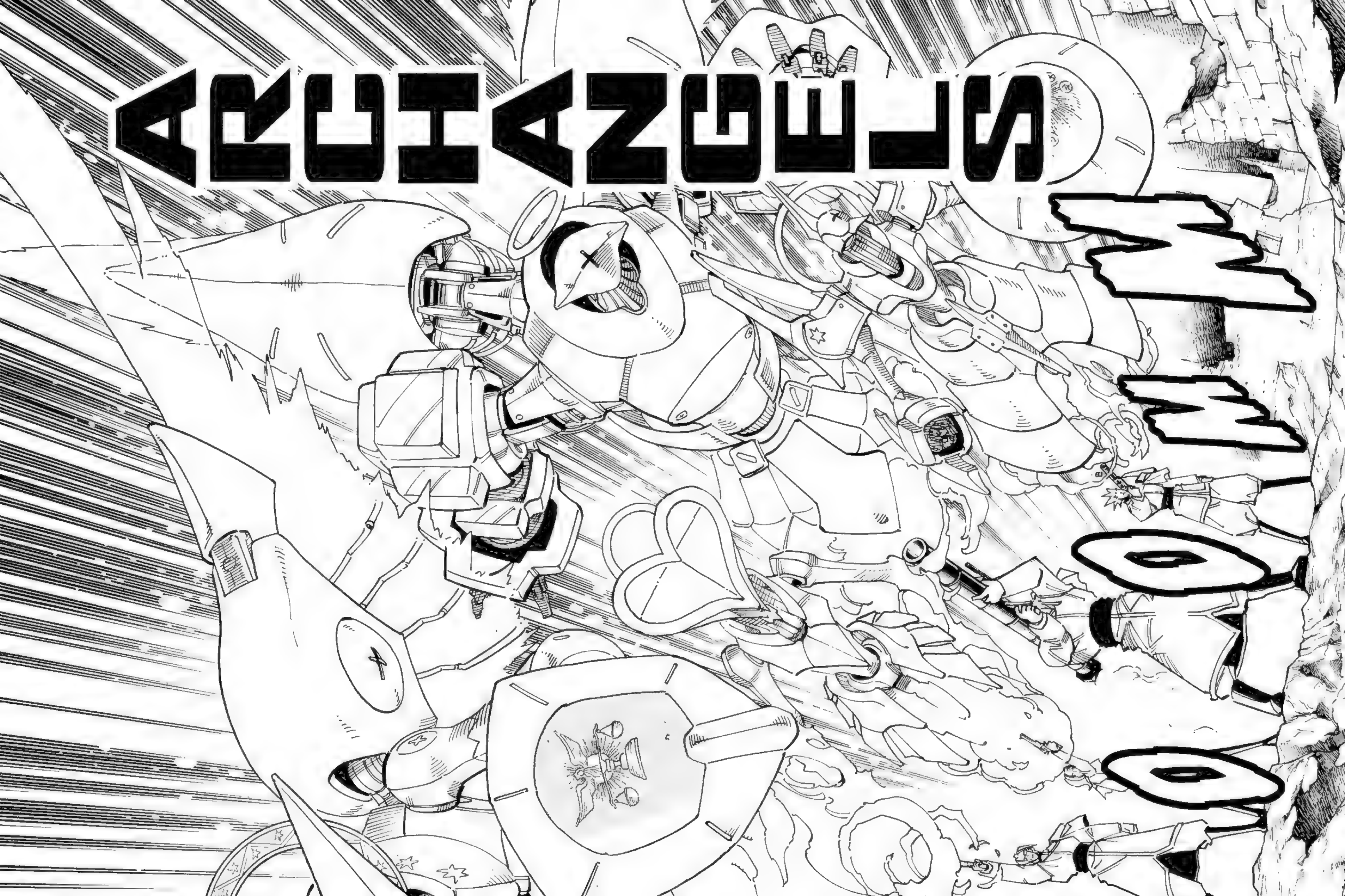

NOT A PROBLEM.
DEAL DEATH TO EVIL.
SERVANTS OF HAO DESERVE NO MERCY.
VLIK


ARMITAGE III
POLYMORPH

FIRE!!!
BADOOO

HOW DID THEY ACQUIRE SPIRIT ALLIES LIKE THOSE?!

HOW?!

ARCH-ANGELS ?!

NO WAY!

WHA...

...FROM THESE HOLY WEAPONS.

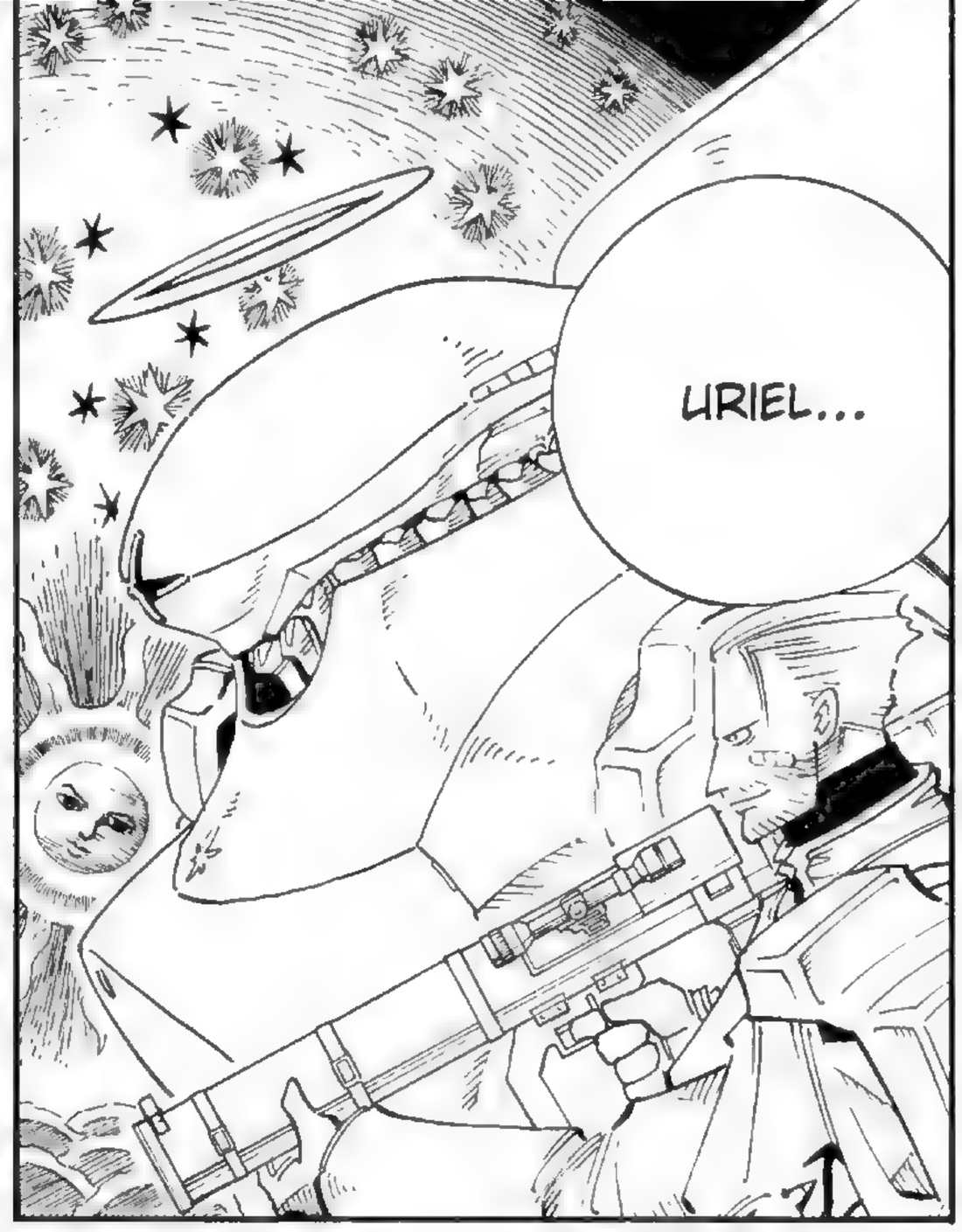
Michael

WE FIRE OUR ANGELS...

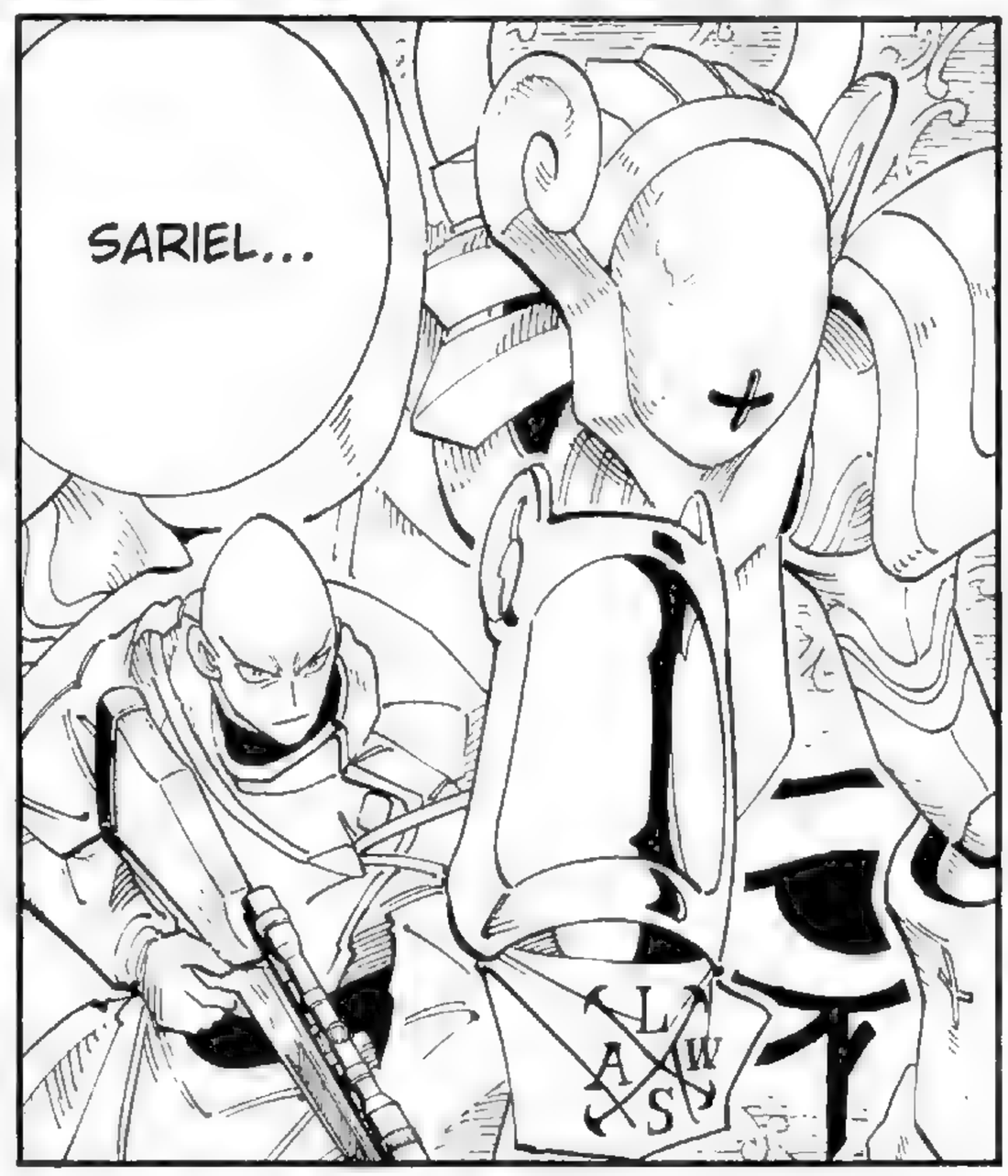
RAPHAEL...

GABRIEL...

META-
TRON...


URIEL...

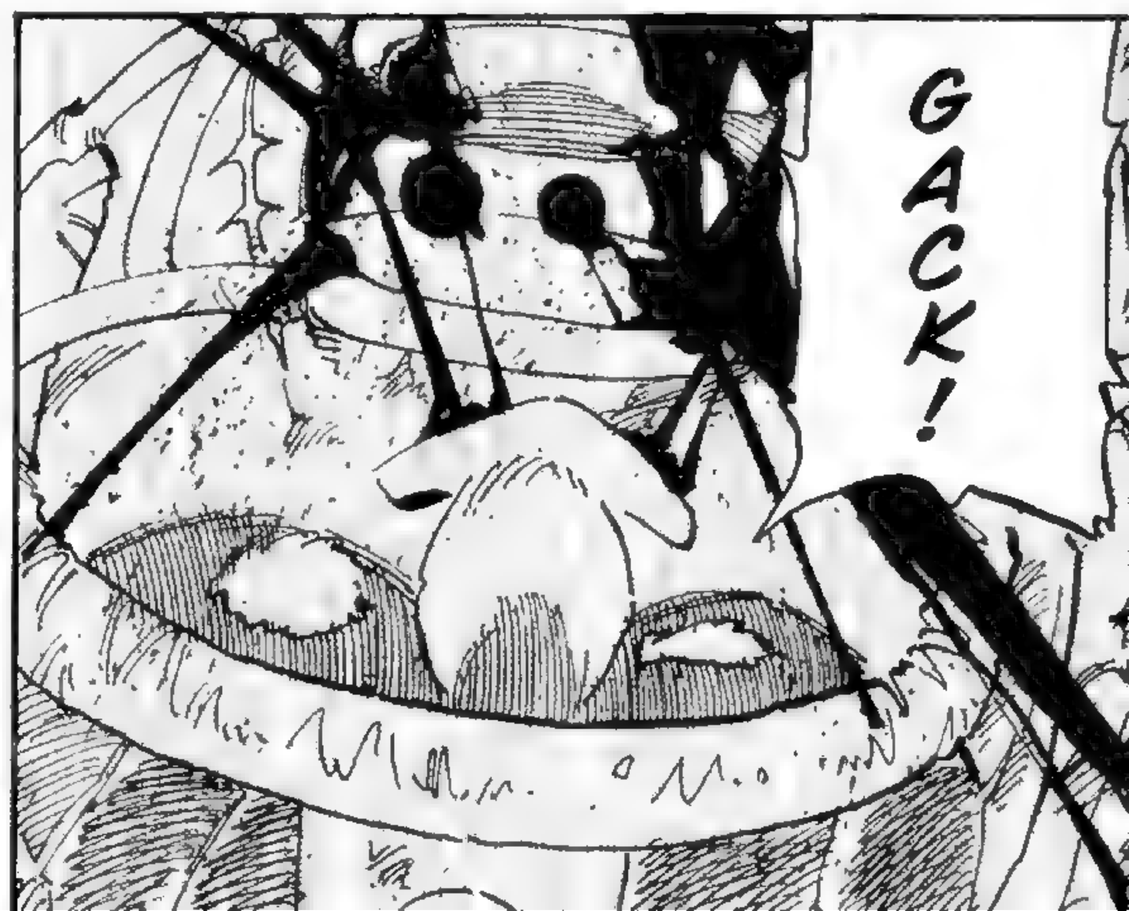
REMIEL...


SARIEL...

...WERE GIVEN TO US BY GOD. OF THE MILLIONS OF ANGELS THAT EXIST, THESE ARE THE MOST POWERFUL AND CLOSEST TO HIM.
THESE SEVEN ARCHANGELS ...

BOOM

BRILLIANT! THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL!
AH...


GACK!

DON'T KILL HIM.
GASP
GASP
YOU WOULD HAVE SUFFERED LESS IF YOU HADN'T RESISTED. AH WELL, I'LL END YOUR SUFF--
TMP

BUT I DON'T LIKE IT.
MAYBE HE DESERVES IT...

サリエル
SARIEL

2000
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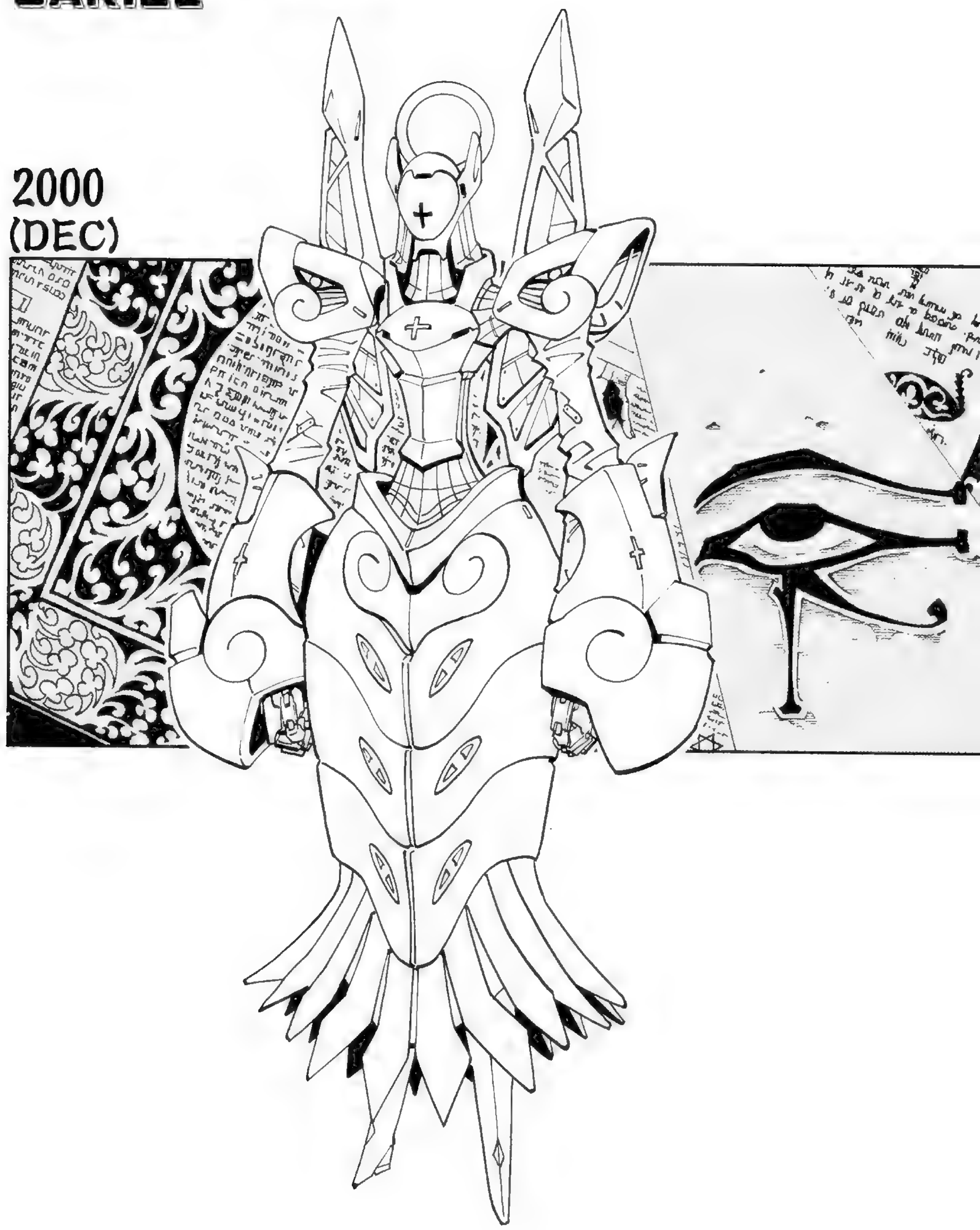

Reincarnation 105:
The Wrath of Angels

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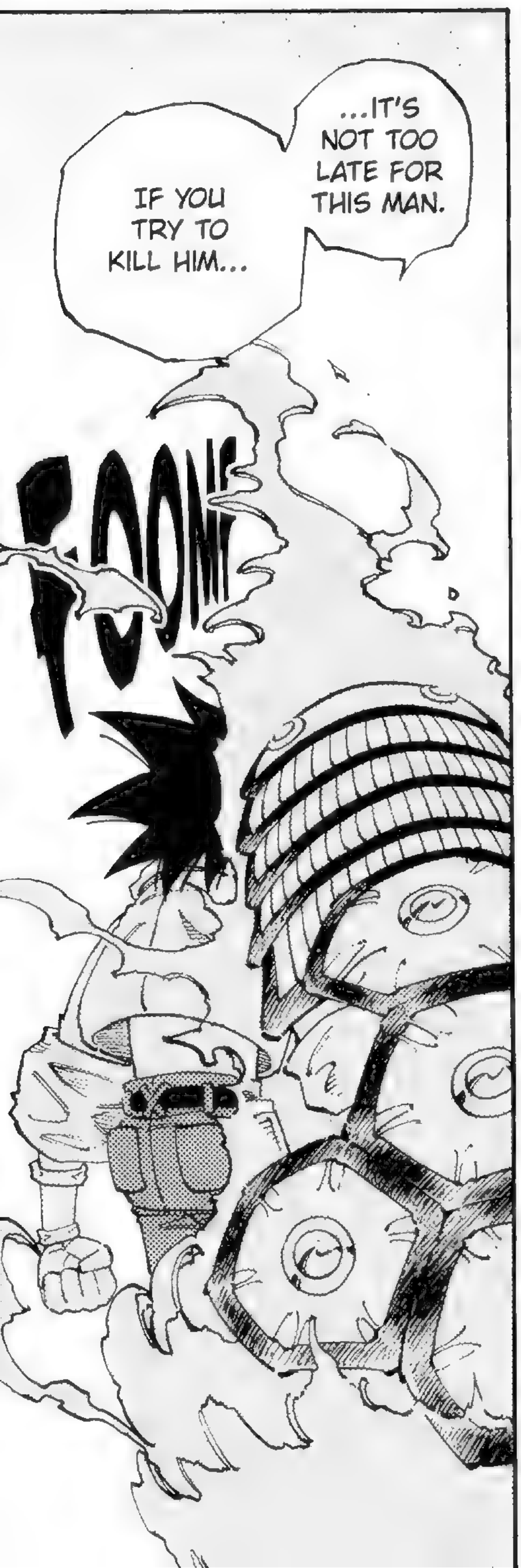
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
BUT...


IF YOU TRY TO KILL HIM...
...IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR THIS MAN.
BOOM

HE'S BEYOND SAVING.
I CAN'T UNDO...
...WHAT HAPPENED TO BORIS.

...HAVE TO STOP YOU.
I'LL...
FWO-OO

!!

BA-BUMP

I DON'T UNDER-STAND.

WHAT ?!

WHY WOULD YOU RISK YOUR LIFE TO SAVE HIM?

I'LL ALWAYS

YOU'VE SEEN OUR POWER.

HE'S A VILLAIN. HE'S A MINION OF HAO!

COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE ON HAO'S SIDE TOO?

WRONG.

GRR!

GRR!

I'M NOT ON ANYBODY'S SIDE.

I ENTERED THE SHAMAN FIGHT BECAUSE I WANTED TO LIVE AN EASY LIFE.

...MAKE LIFE EASIER?

BUT WOULDN'T ELIMINATING EVIL...

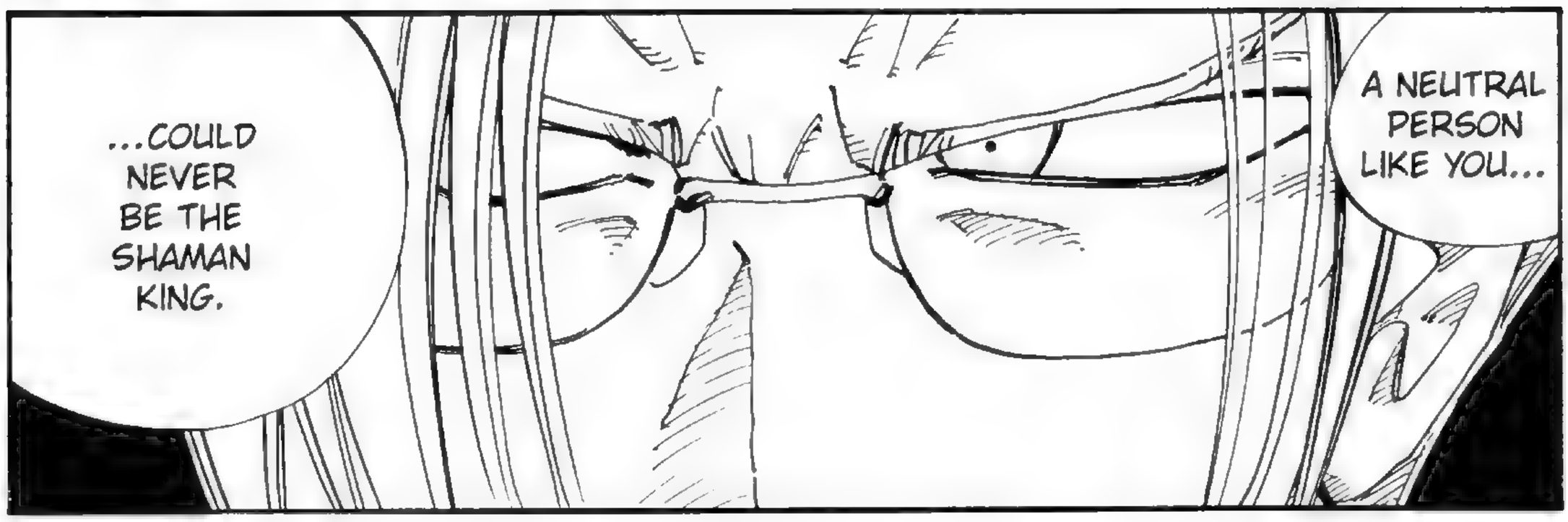
AND THOSE WHO PRESERVE THE PEACE ARE JUST.

THOSE WHO BRING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION ARE EVIL...

EVIL STRIKES WITHOUT WARNING AND RUINS PEOPLE'S LIVES.

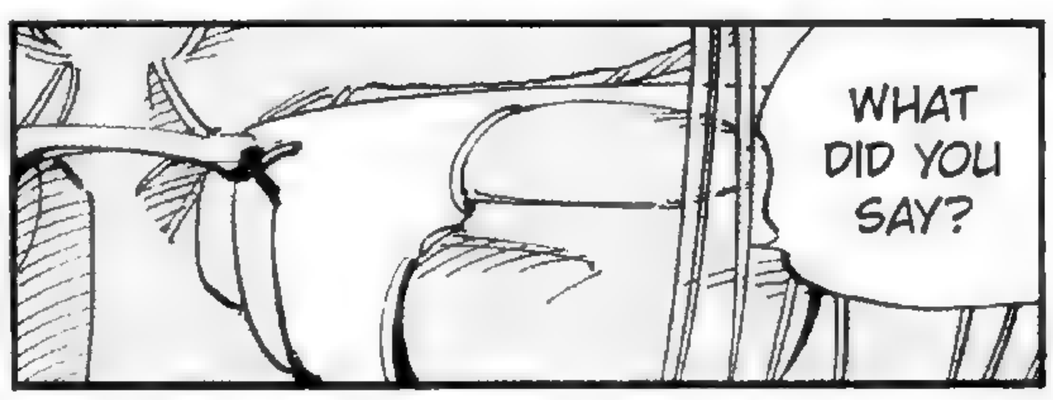
NOBODY'S SIDE? WHAT A PRECARIOUS POSITION TO BE IN.

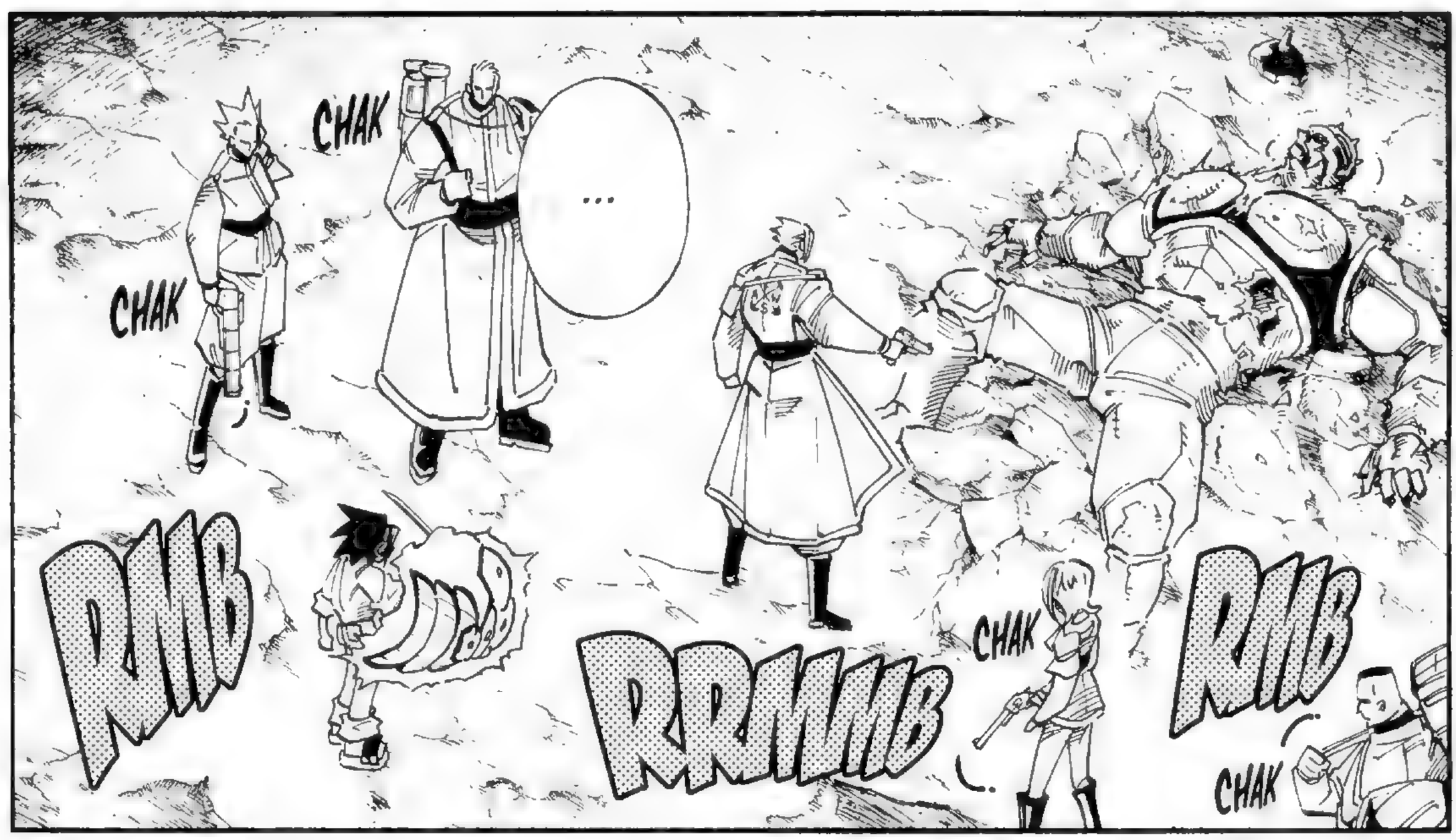
...


...COULD NEVER BE THE SHAMAN KING.
A NEUTRAL PERSON LIKE YOU...

WHAT'S MORE EVIL THAN KILLING?
SO WHAT?
RIGHT OR WRONG, I'M GOING TO STOP YOU.

IT'S YOUR MOVE.


WHAT DID YOU SAY?


CHAK
CHAK
...
RUB
RRRUUB
CHAK
RUB
CHAK

HOW INTERESTING. ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT THEM, YOH?

HMPH. WHY SHOULD WE STOP THEM?
HEY! THIS IS GETTING NASTY, REN.

YOH DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE.

WE'D BETTER STOP HIM.
HEH HEH...
HUH?

I'M WITH THE CHIEF, NO MATTER WHAT.
NO...

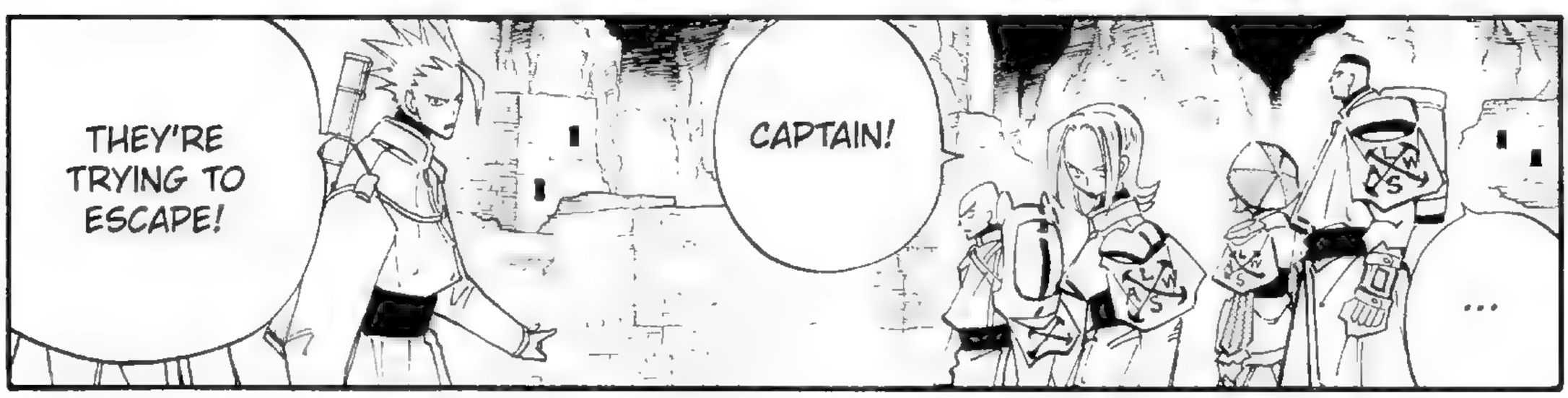
YOU'RE SO LAME, RYU.
IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO!
I'LL ALWAYS BACK HIM UP!
FWOOSH!!
GO, CHIEF !!

IF THOSE ARCHANGELS ARE REAL, WE'RE NO MATCH FOR THEM. BETTER TO RETREAT FOR NOW.

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ABANDON BILL!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?! THEY'RE JUST X-LAWS!

STOP, ZANCHIN. DO YOU WANT TO DIE?
KPK
GRAH! THESE MISERABLE X-LAWS HAVE CONTEMPT FOR LORD HAO!
!!

THAT IS, IF WE CAN GET AWAY!!
HUFF
HUFF
THERE'S A GREAT POWER BEHIND THEM. WE'VE GOT TO REPORT THIS TO LORD HAO.


THEY'RE TRYING TO ESCAPE!
CAPTAIN!
...

DON'T TALK.

JUSTICE IS ON OUR SIDE.
KILL THEM.
NO.
I WON'T LET YOU DO IT.

...THEN YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN HAO.

IF YOU KILL PEOPLE JUST FOR STANDING IN YOUR WAY...

FOOL!! YOU DARE TO INSULT US?!

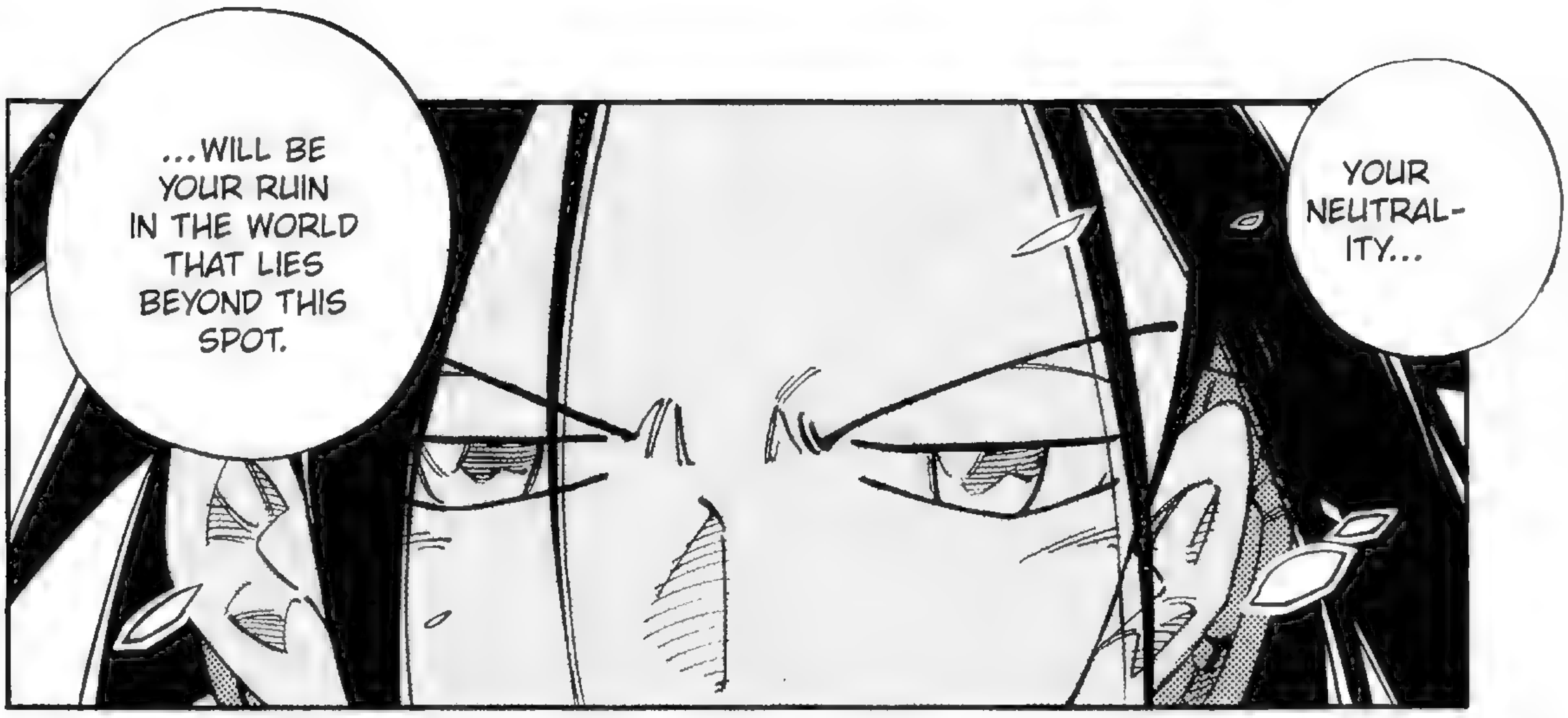
YOH!!

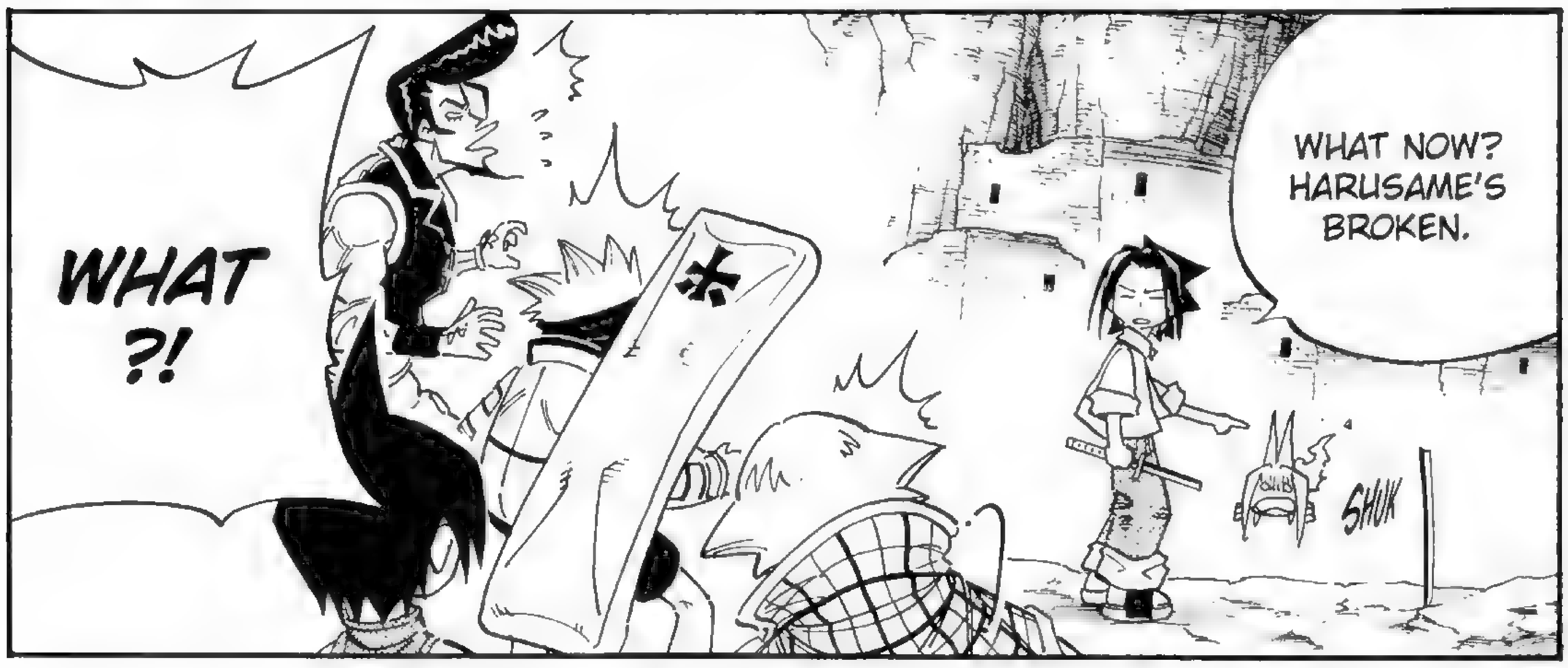
YOU KNEW YOU COULDN'T WIN, YET YOU CHALLENGED ME. WAS IT A MATTER OF HONOR FOR YOU?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

HUFF
HUFF

...SO I'LL SPARE YOUR LIFE.
YOU'RE VERY BRAVE...

IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, YOU'D BETTER TURN BACK.
THE PATCH VILLAGE IS NEAR HERE.


...WILL BE YOUR RUIN IN THE WORLD THAT LIES BEYOND THIS SPOT.
YOUR NEUTRAL-ITY...


WHAT ?!
WHAT NOW? HARUSAME'S BROKEN.
SHUK

...

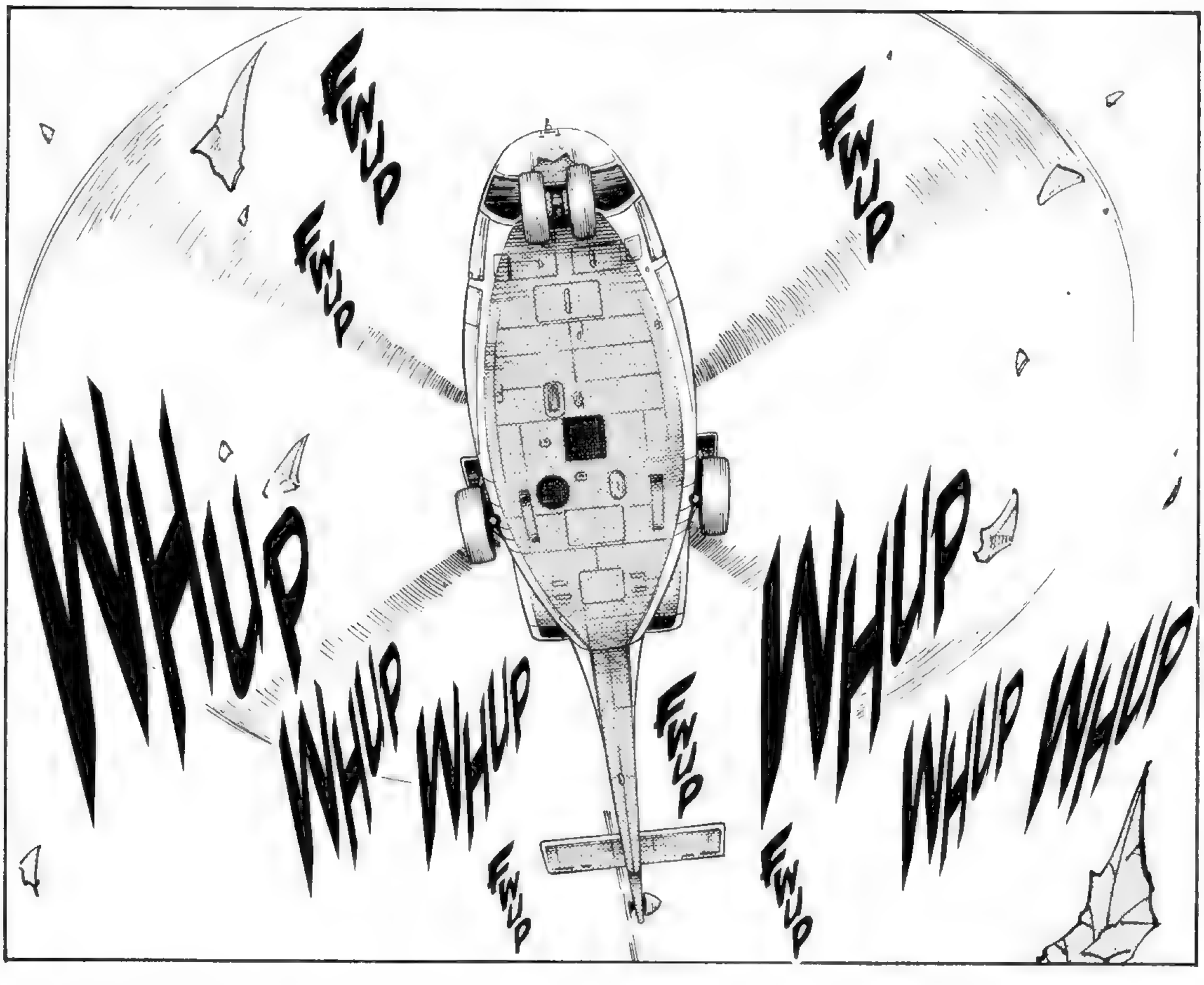
A SWORD CAN ALWAYS BE REPAIRED.
AT LEAST NO ONE GOT HURT.
You scared me!

...THINGS COULD BE WORSE.
OH WELL ...

HMPH.
LET'S GO.

HEH HEH HEH
GET REAL!
...

THAT WAS TOTALLY RECKLESS AND IRRE-SPONSIBLE!!
IT WAS?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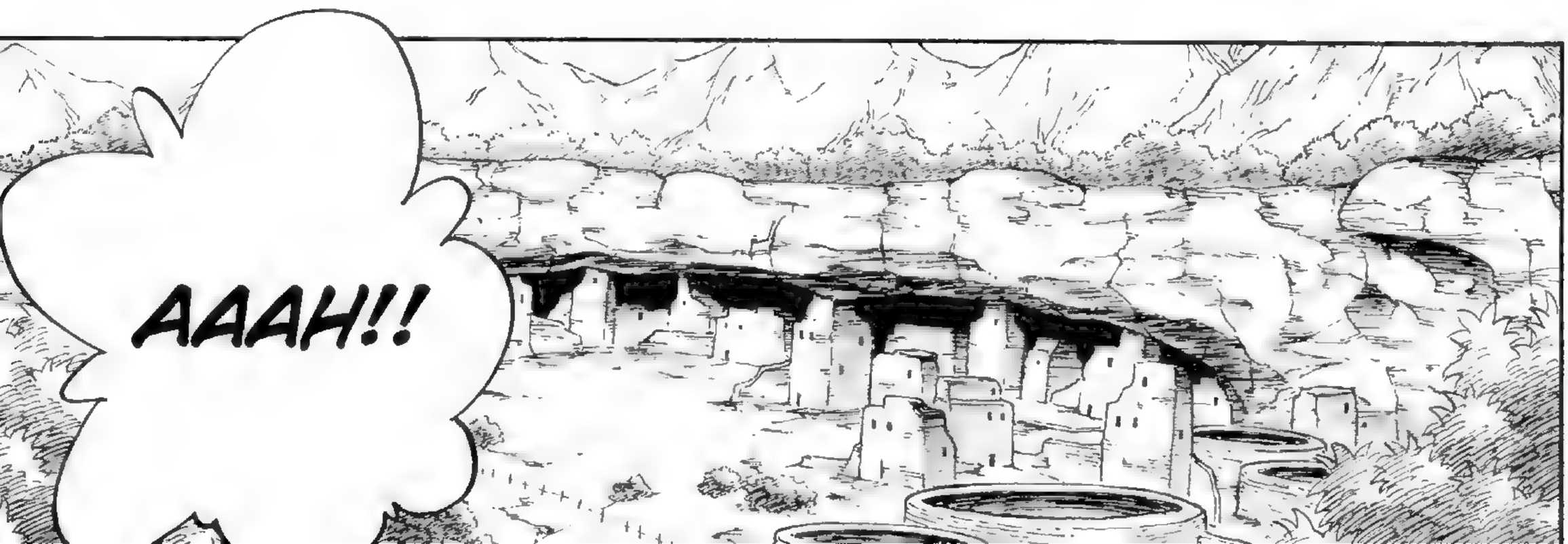
AAAH!!

NOW WE'LL FINALLY GET TO SEE...

THIS IS MESA VERDEDE!!

WHERE IS HE?!

DOOM-

...YOH.

IT WAS A JOKE.
MANTA!
WAKE UP, MANTA.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN WE'LL BUMP INTO TOM CRUISE.
HEE HEE. ANNA, YOU LOOK COOL! JUST LIKE A HOLLYWOOD ACTRESS.
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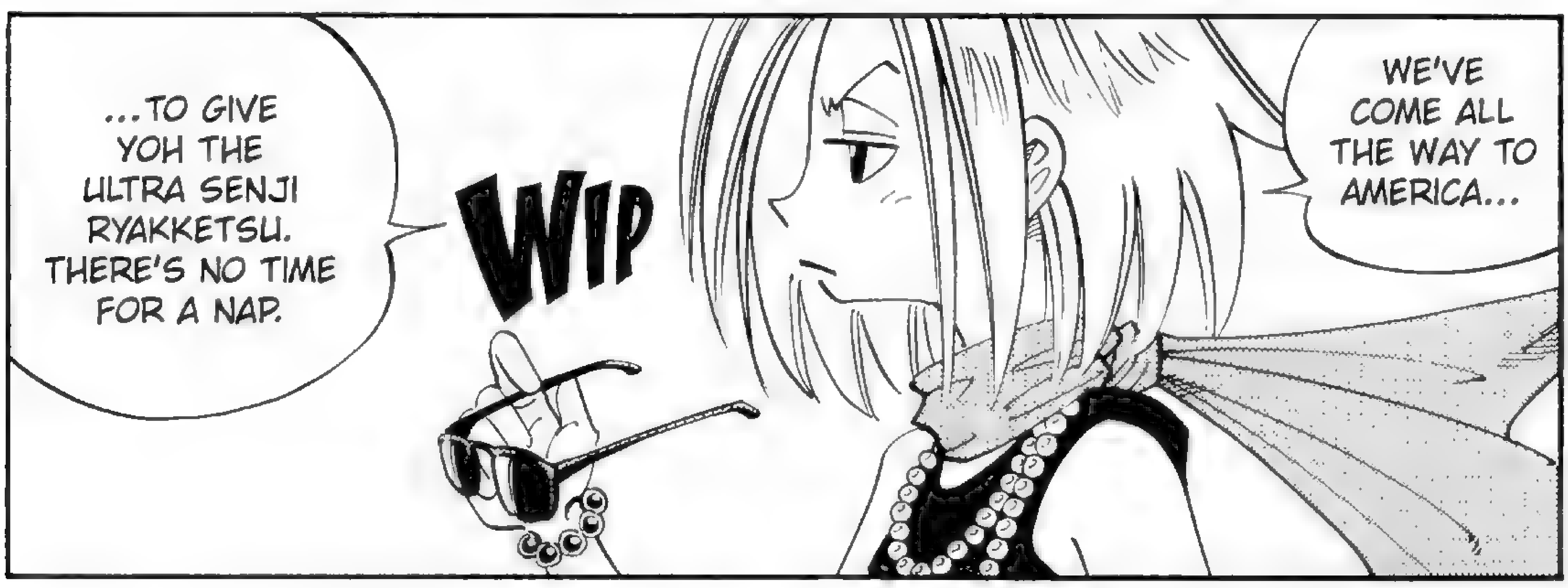
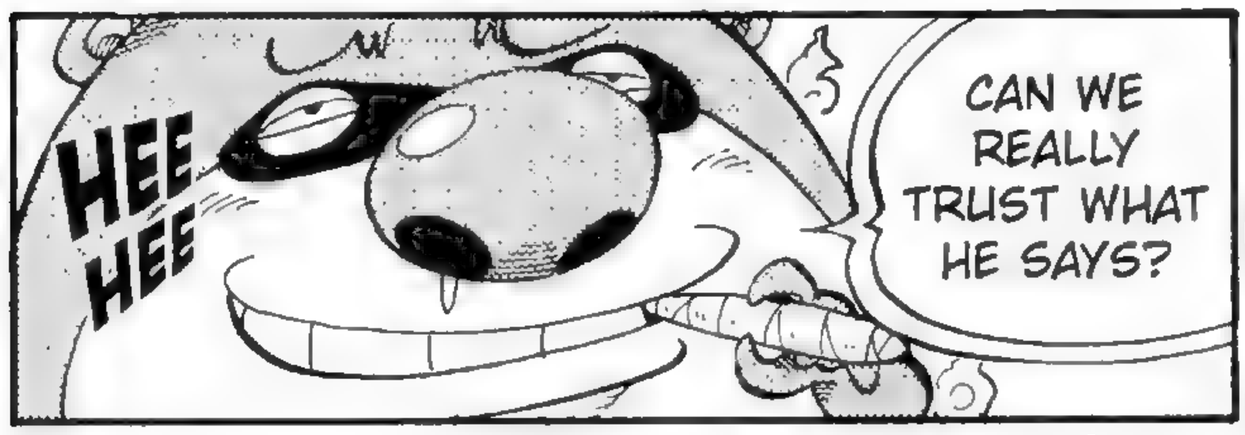
WE WON'T!!
YOU CALL THAT COOL?!
THUD

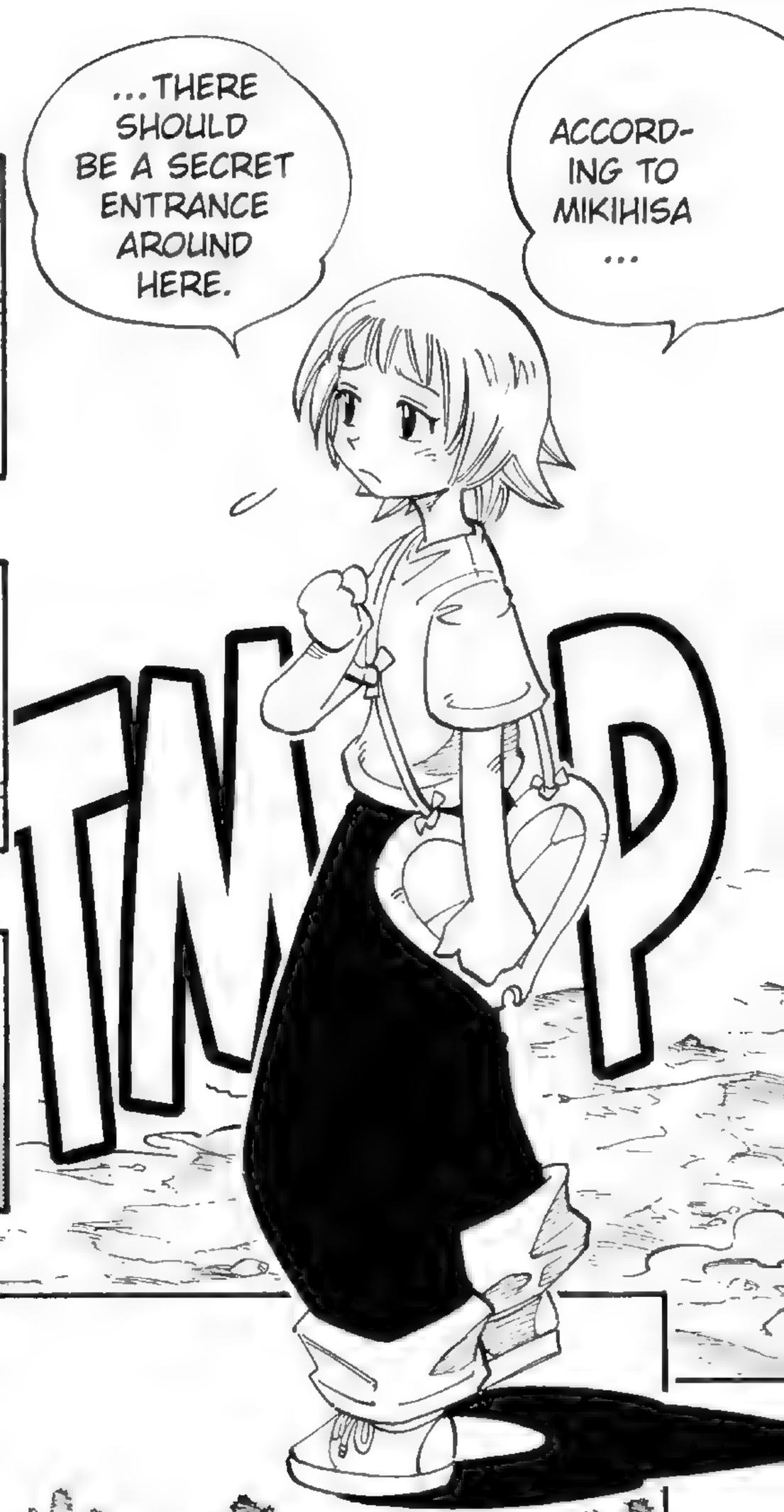

...TO GIVE YOH THE ULTRA SENJI RYAKKETSU. THERE'S NO TIME FOR A NAP.
WIP
WE'VE COME ALL THE WAY TO AMERICA...

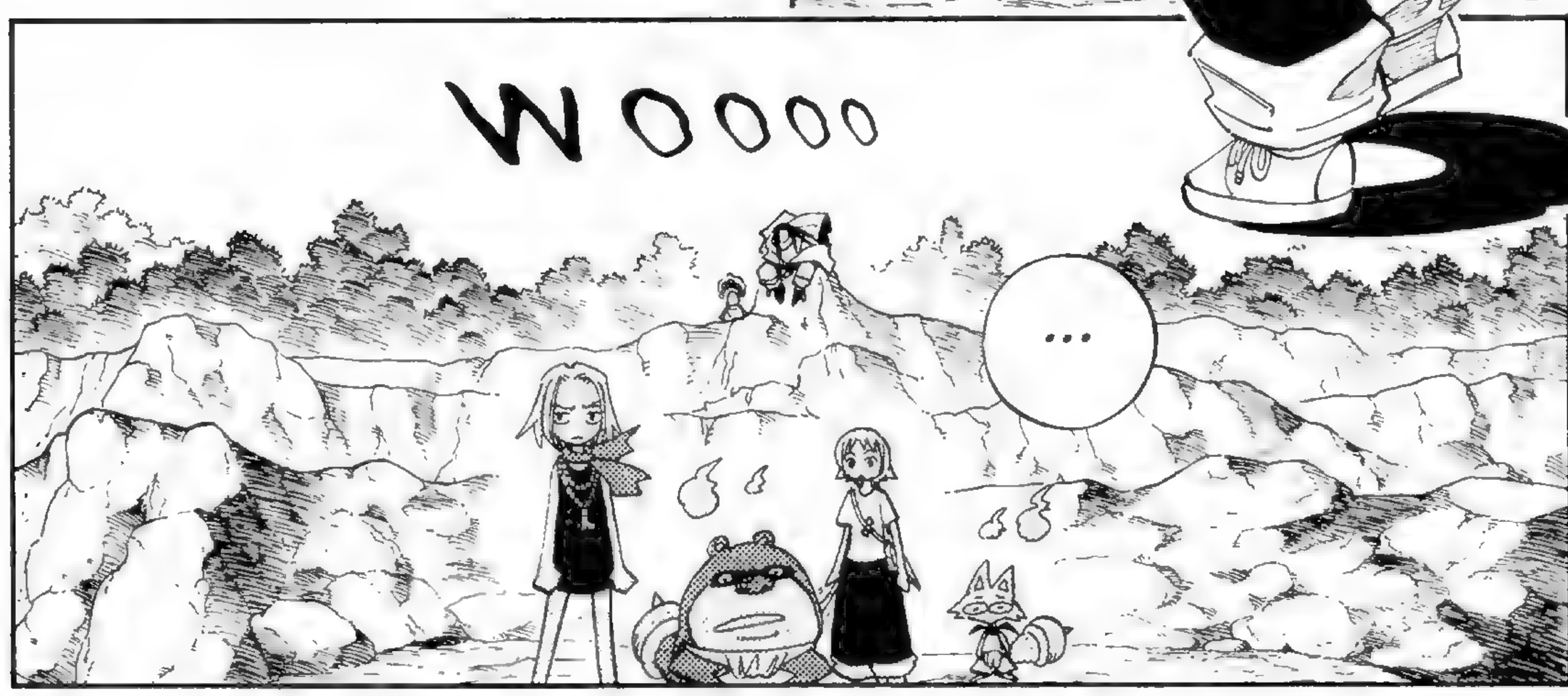
WHOA...
...THIS PLACE IS HUGE.
VROOM

THAT MIKIHISA IS A SHIFTLESS VAGABOND.
POOF
HEH...

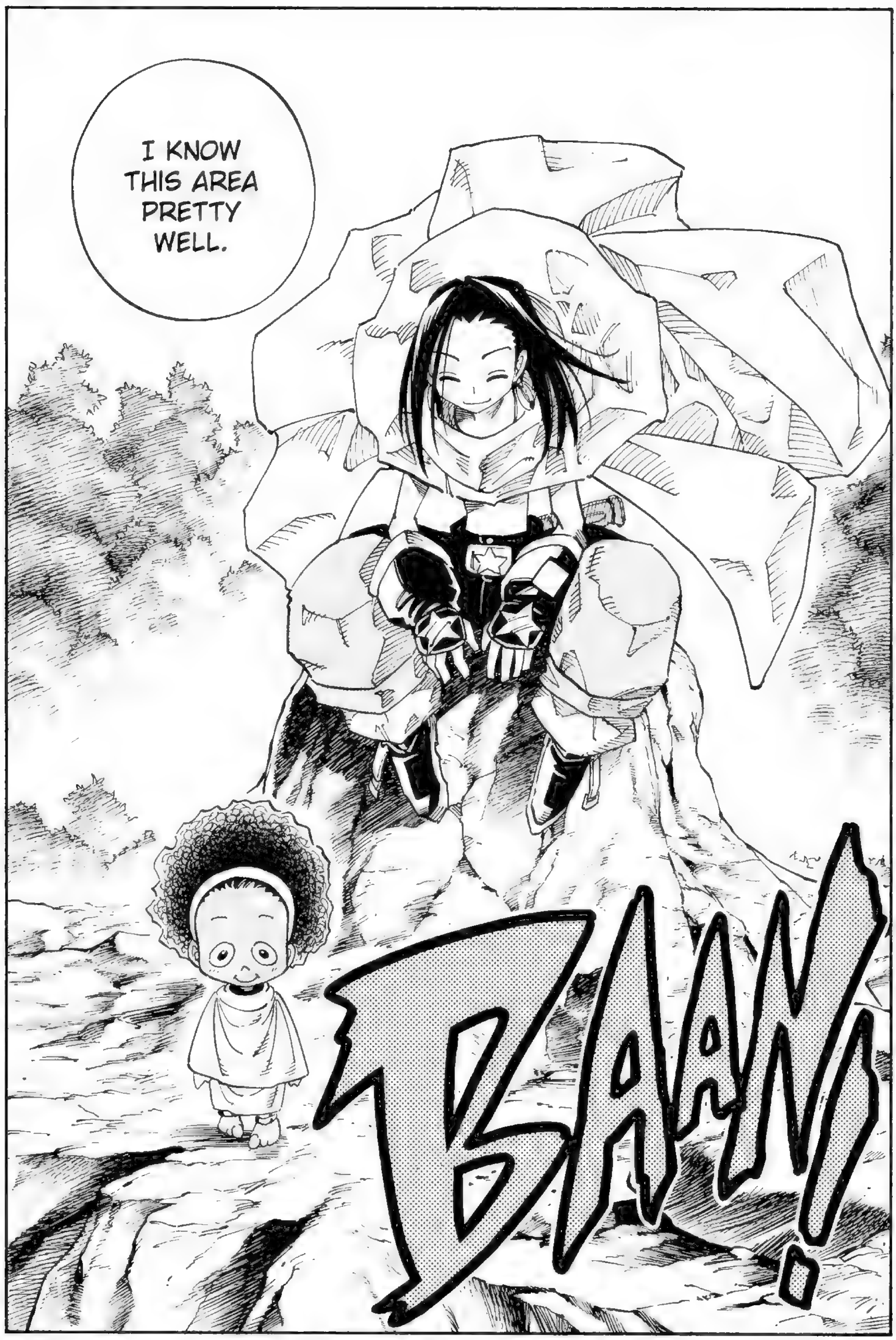

HEE HEE
CAN WE REALLY TRUST WHAT HE SAYS?

IF YOU WANT...
...I CAN BE YOUR GUIDE.


...THERE SHOULD BE A SECRET ENTRANCE AROUND HERE.
ACCORD-ING TO MIKIHISA ...
TMP


WOOOO
...

Wp


I KNOW THIS AREA PRETTY WELL.
BLAM!

レミエル
REMIEL

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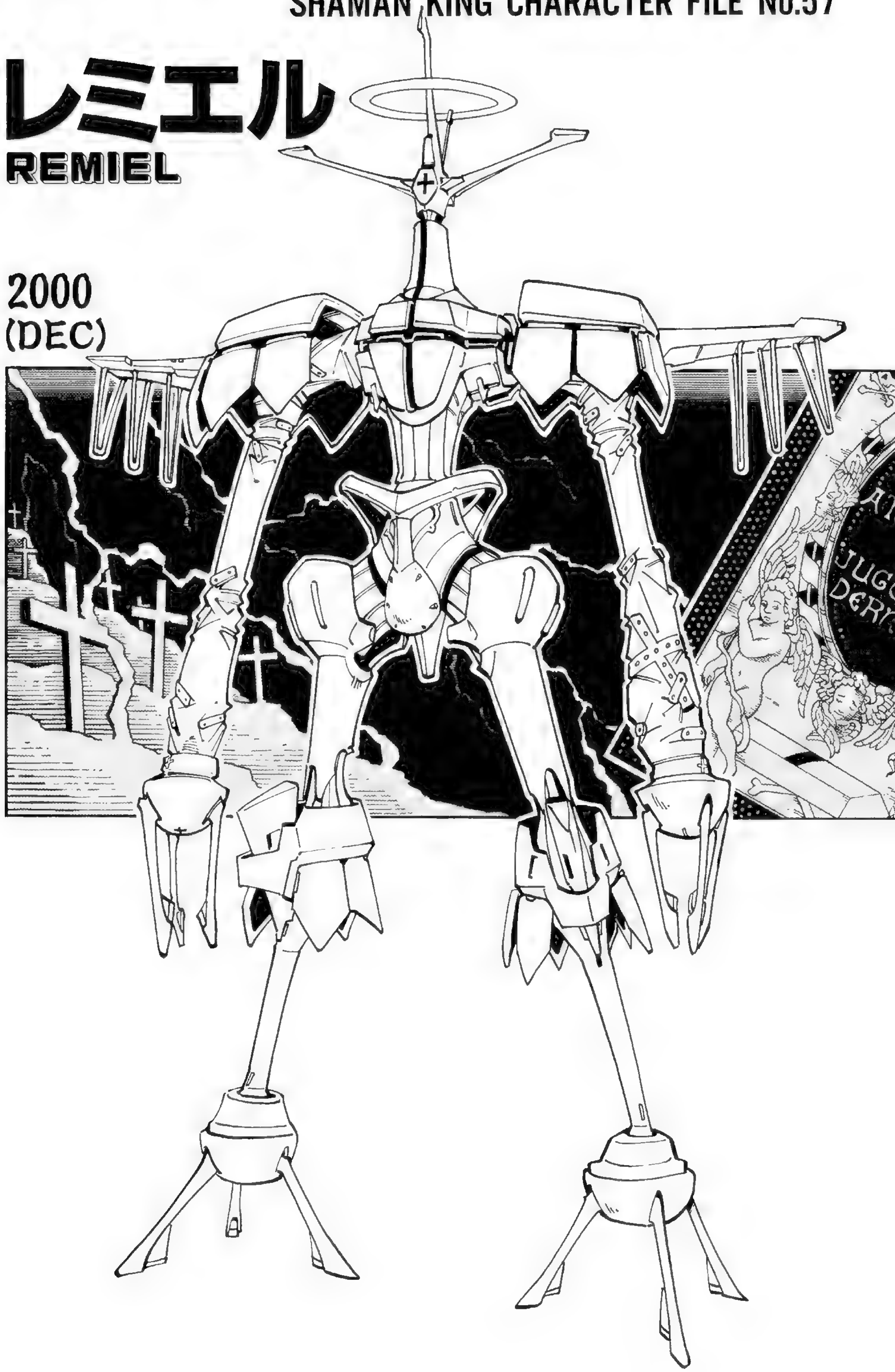

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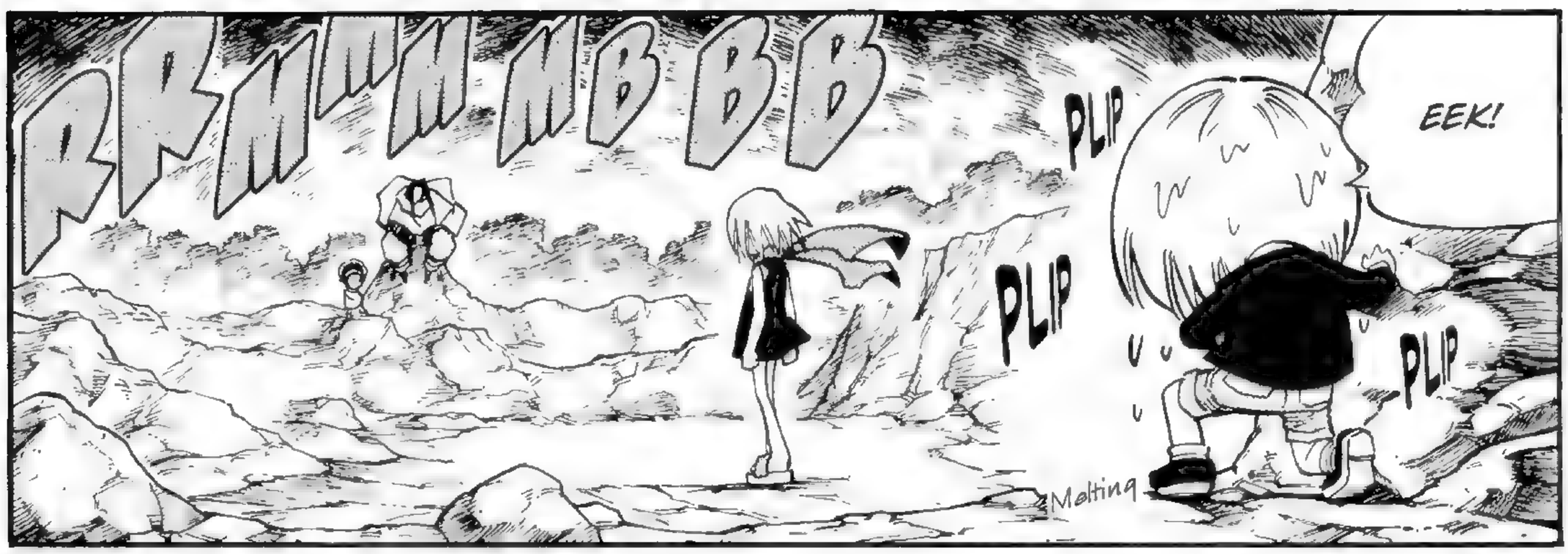
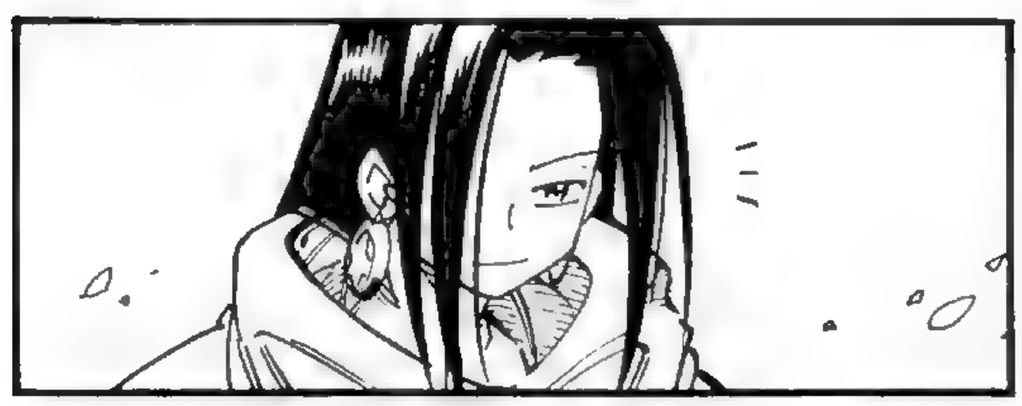
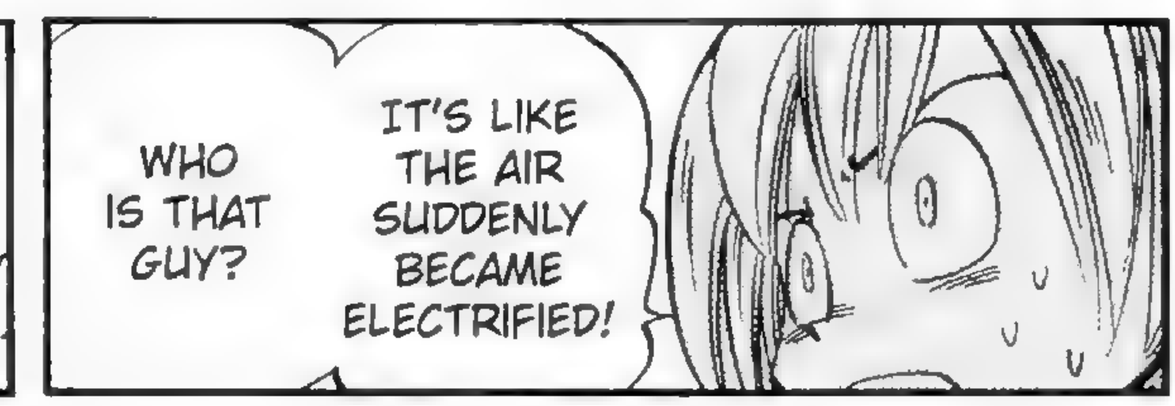






WHAT THE HECK?!

Who are you?!

whup

TWITCH

WHAT CUTE LITTLE AMATEURS.

Reincarnation 106:
The Bride of Asakura

Longing for the Holy Land
A Poem by Hiroyuki Takei

Beaujolais Nouveau doesn't suit someone like me.
Trails of smoke rise from burning incense...
The suffocating sun of summer burns my white skin.
I am toasted red like an embarrassed boy.
Longing for the Holy Land...
A windmill spins round and round...
Longing for the Holy Land...
Old people look as though they're suffering.
In my drunken impulsiveness, I want to wrap them in my arms, but...
Longing for the Holy Land...
Beaujolais Nouveau is a drink I've never tasted.

LORD HAO?

...

POOF

CUTE!!

OPACHO!

HEE HEE

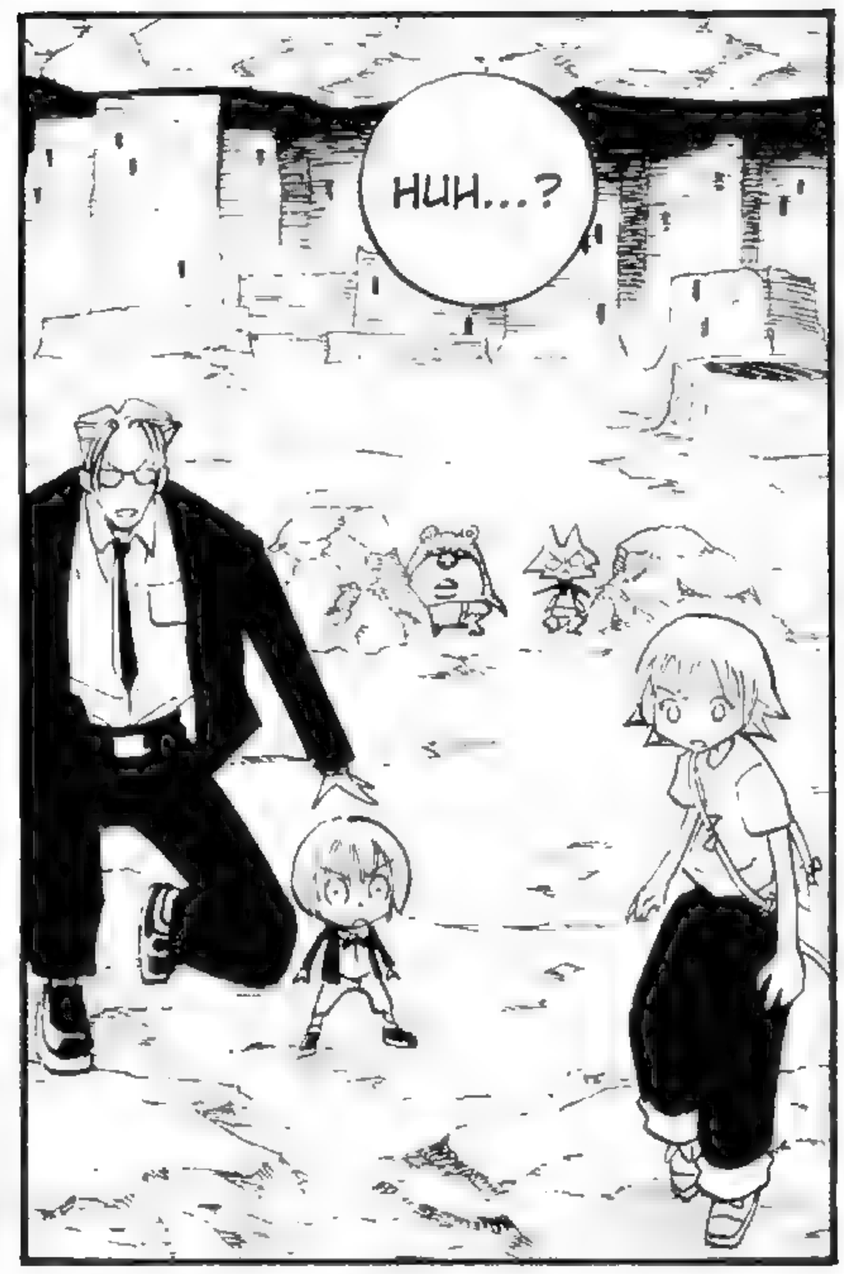
IT'S ALL RIGHT, OPACHO. YOU'RE STILL THE CUTEST OF ALL.

AHH! I'M SORRY.

WHAT'S WRONG, OPACHO?

LORD HAO...

SNIFF



ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN I GIVE THIS TO YOH?

THIS IS THE ULTRA SENJI RYAKKETSU.

YOU'VE FIGURED OUT THAT MUCH, THEN? WELL DONE.

OH...

IS THAT REALLY HAO?!

ANNA! THAT'S ...!!

HE CALLED US AMATEURS!!

...YOU MUST BE THE WOMAN.

SO...

...THE FUTURE BRIDE OF ASAKURA, WHO DEFEATED MY SHIKIGAMI FAMILIARS.

I WANTED TO MEET YOU, ANNA...

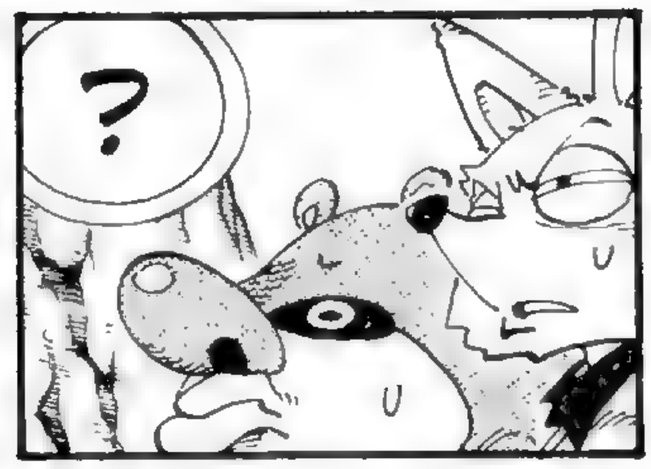
I'M NOT A PETTY MAN.
HA HA...

I TAKE IT YOU'RE NOT AFTER REVENGE.
CHARMED, I'M SURE.

HE KNOWS WHO SHE IS?
WANTED TO MEET ...?
BA-BUMP

AND I WANT YOH TO HAVE THAT BOOK.
I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR YOU.

YOU DO?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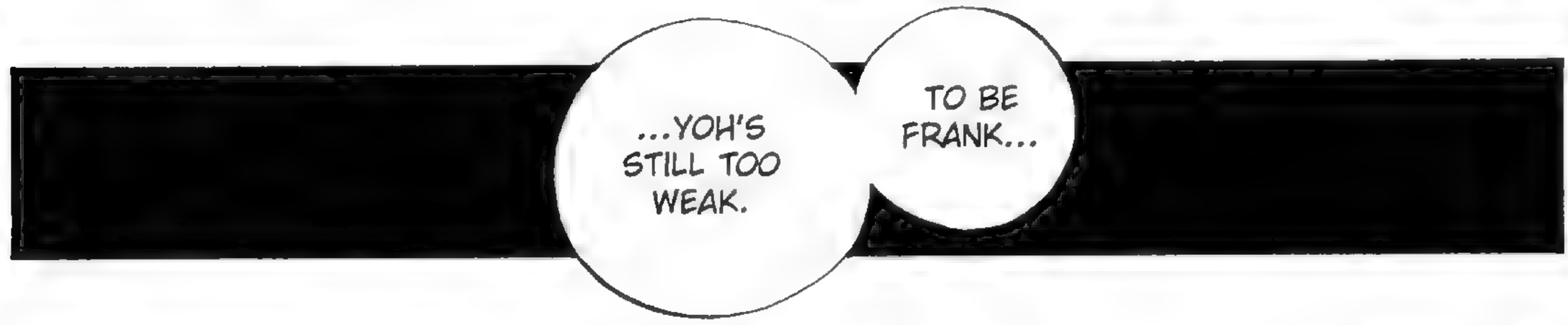

...YOH'S STILL TOO WEAK.
TO BE FRANK...

BUT IF HE MASTERS THAT BOOK, THEN HE'LL BECOME UNIMAGINABLY MORE POWERFUL.
Woooo
HE'LL NEVER SURVIVE THE BATTLE THAT AWAITS HIM.

...TO GET STRONGER QUICKLY SO THAT HE CAN ASSIST ME.

I WANT YOH...

HE'S JUST LIKE YOH!!

BUT IS HE REALLY HAO? HE'S SO LAID BACK...

THIS IS SERIOUS.

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, TAMURA-ZAKI.

BA-BUMP BA-BUMP

MANTA, WHO IS HE?!

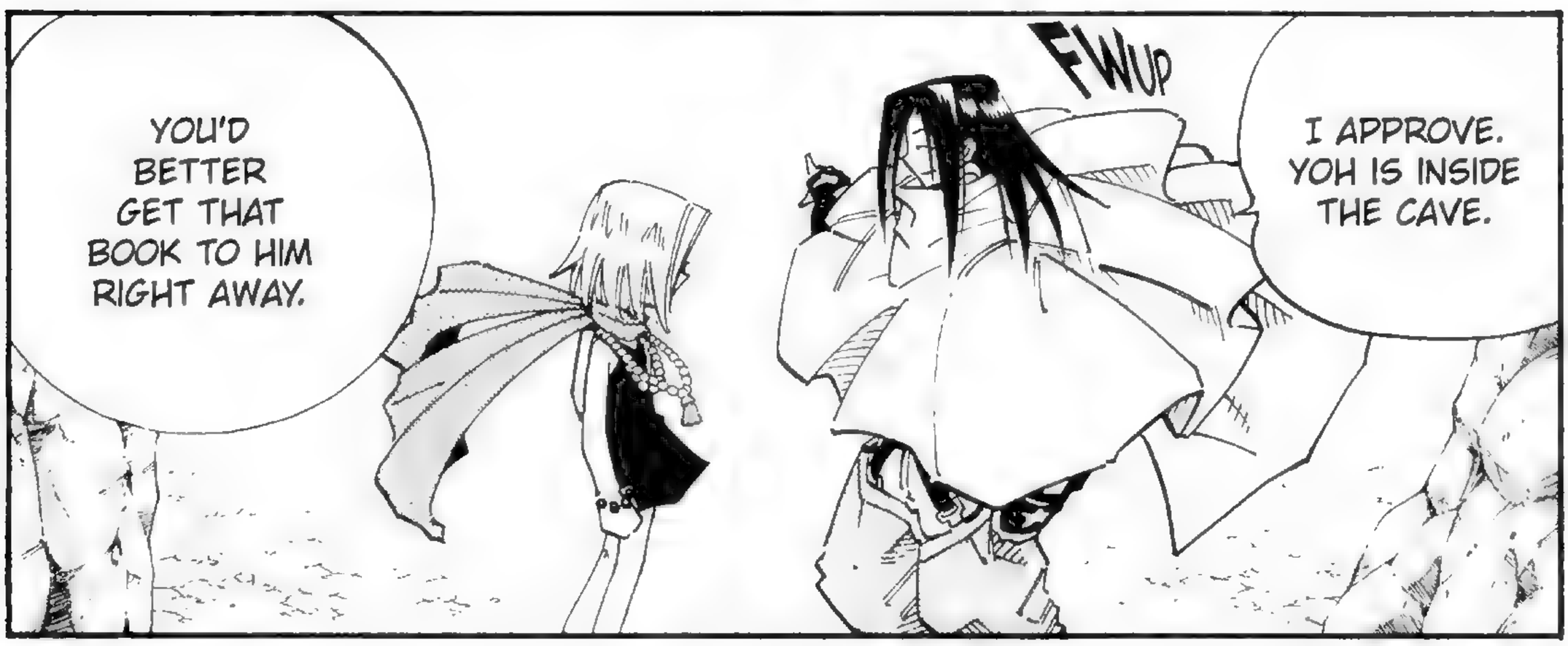
...

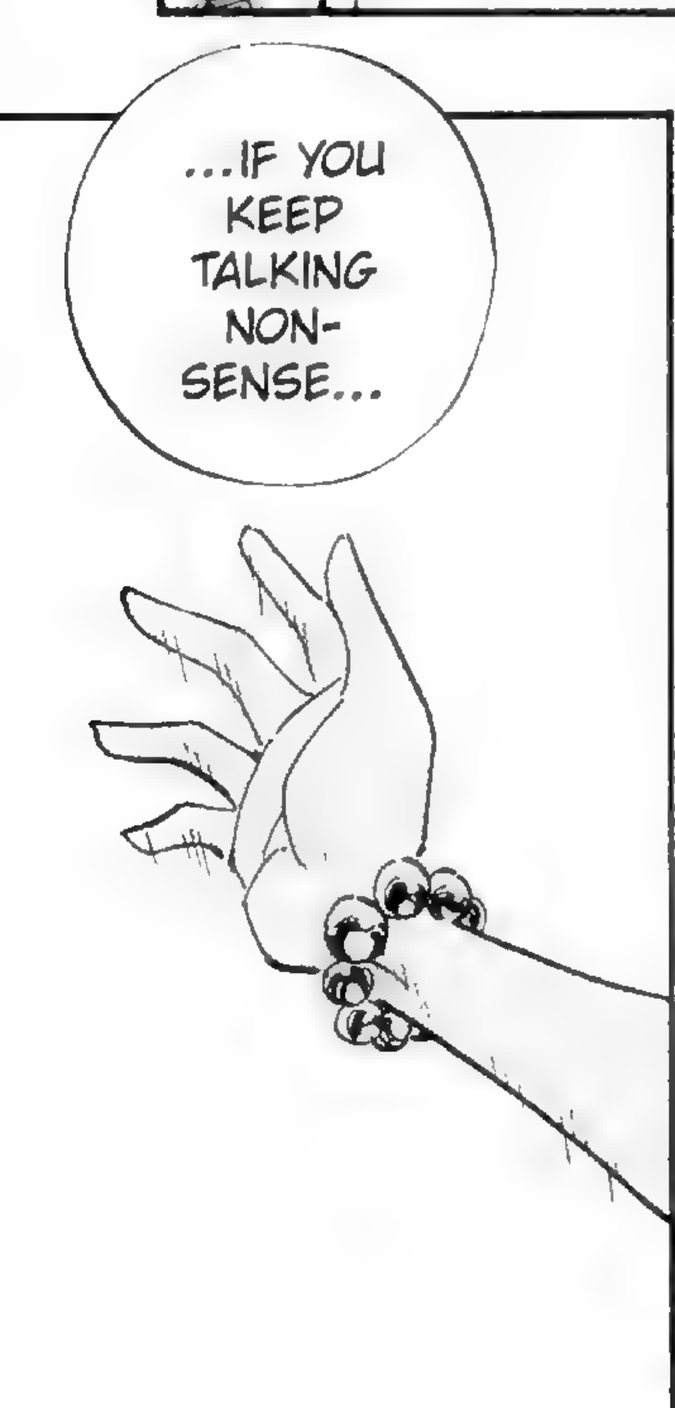
ASSIST YOU?!

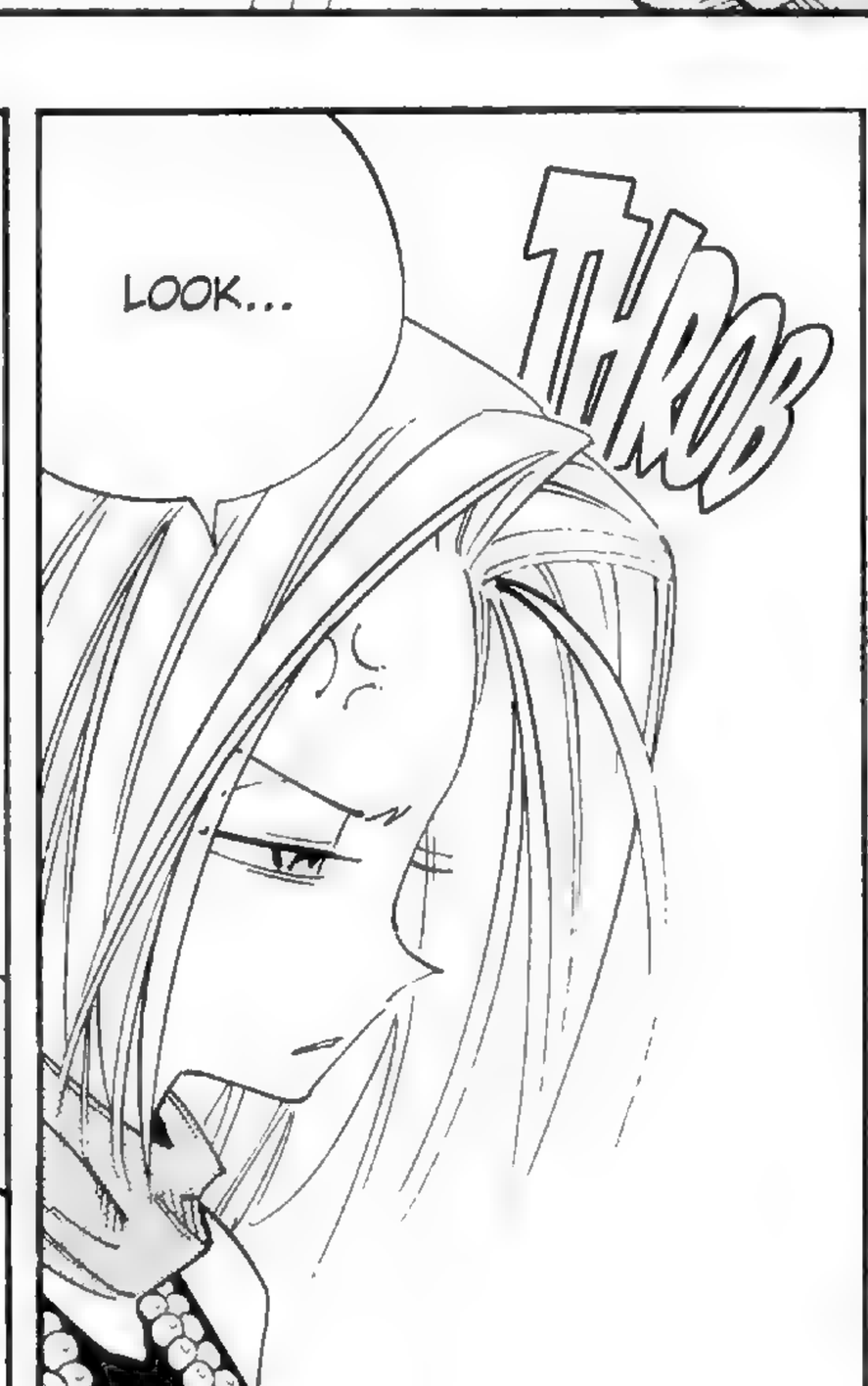
?
HA... HA HA...

EXCELLENT. THE BRIDE OF AN ASAKURA MUST HAVE COURAGE.

ANNA, ARE YOU CRAZY?
NEVER MIND. JUST TELL ME WHERE YOH IS.
WHAT AN IDIOTIC IDEA. YOH WOULD NEVER ASSIST YOU.
PLOP
DOOM

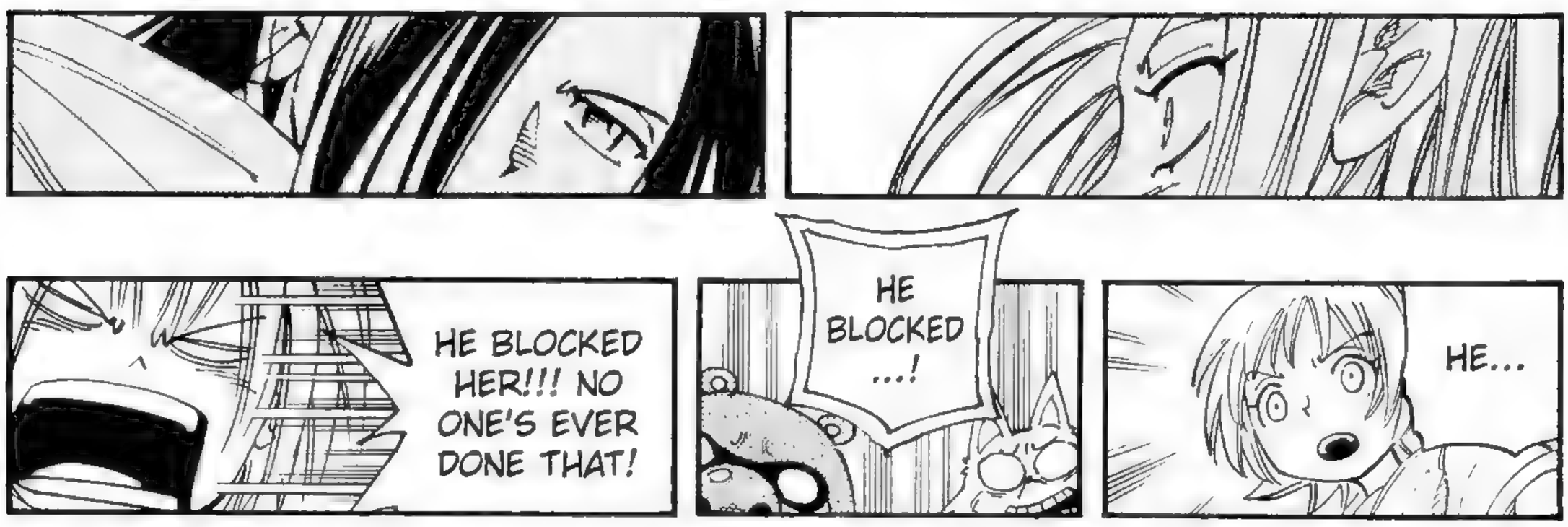

YOU'D BETTER GET THAT BOOK TO HIM RIGHT AWAY.
FWUP
I APPROVE. YOH IS INSIDE THE CAVE.


...IF YOU KEEP TALKING NON-SENSE...


LOOK...
THUB

...IS SOMETHING YOH CAN DO LATER, ANNA.
ASSISTING ME...

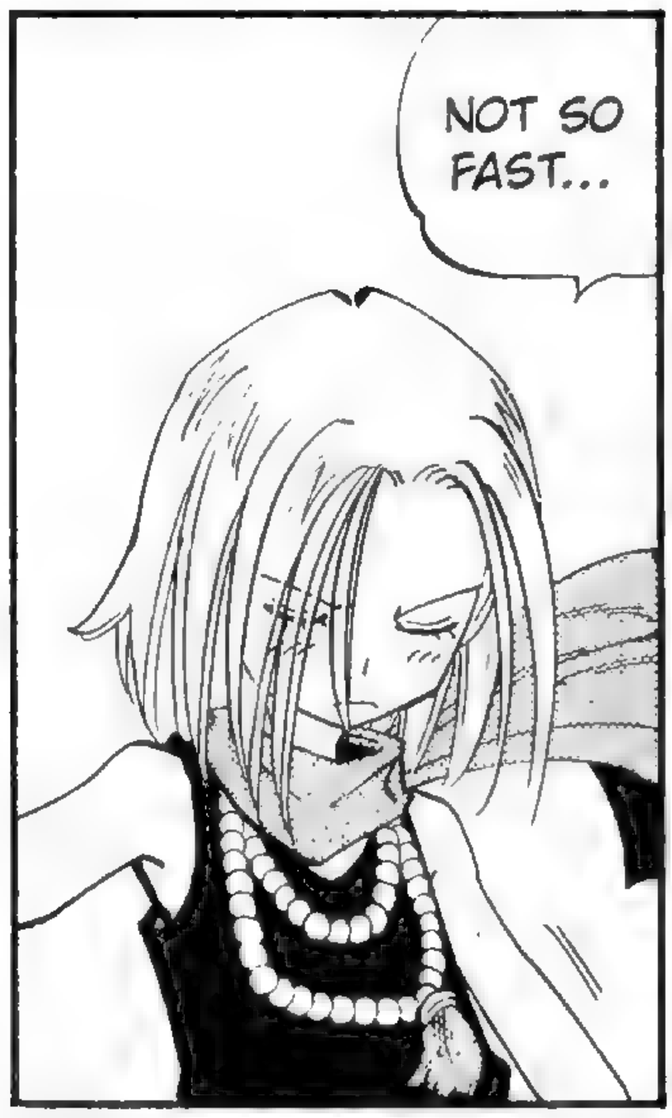
SWAP



AS I EXPECTED, YOU'RE THE PERFECT WIFE FOR THE SHAMAN KING.

NOW I LIKE YOU EVEN MORE.

TUG



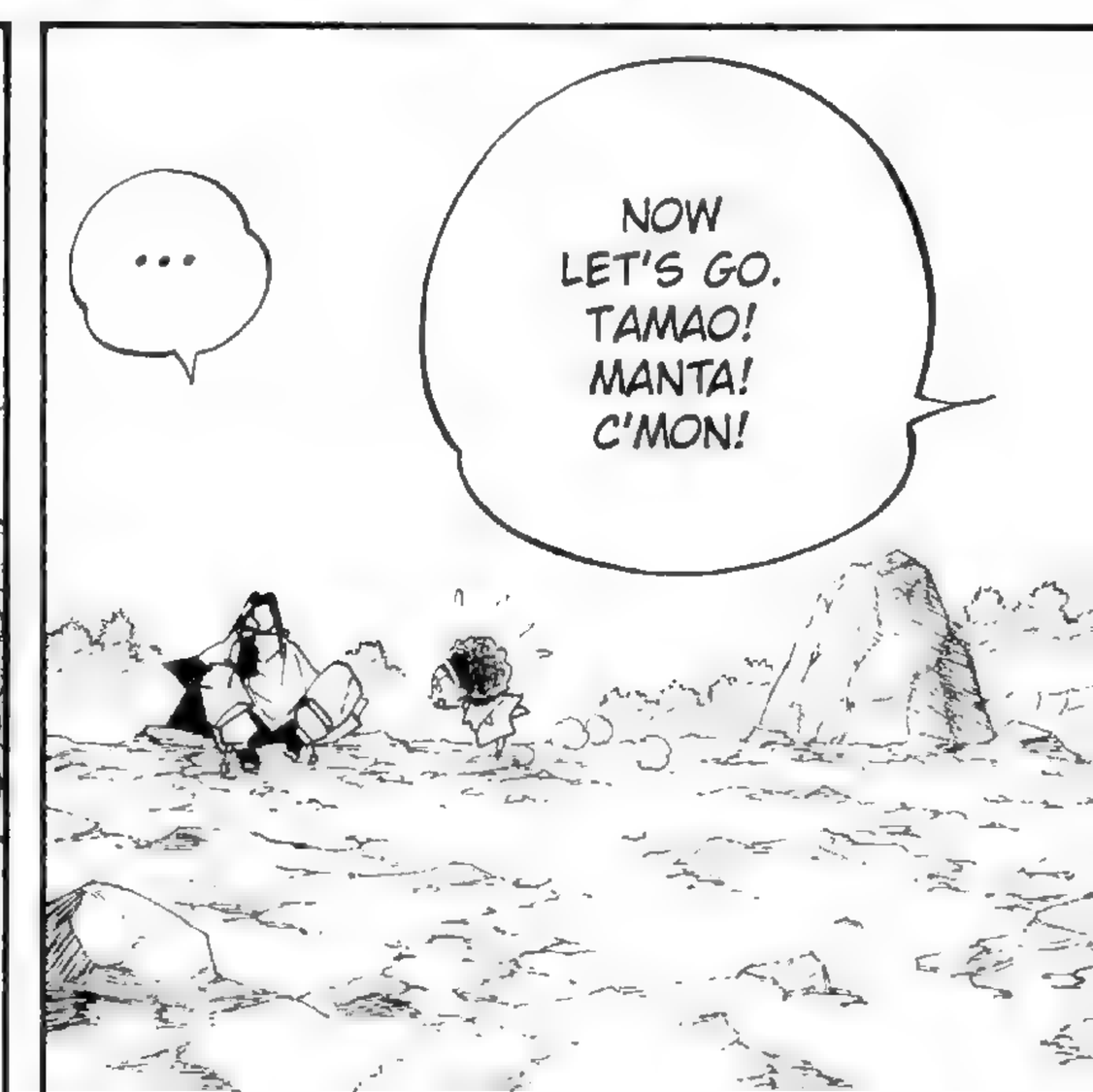
TMP TMP TMP TMP
THE PHANTOM LEFT!!

WAAH
LORD HAO!!!

WHAAA
I STILL HAVE A LEFT HAND!!!
OOF!!

I WILL BE THE SHAMAN KING'S WIFE.
YOH'S GOING TO WIN. THAT'S ALREADY DECIDED.

NO ONE'S SLAPPED ME LIKE THAT SINCE MY MOTHER, OPACHO.
VERY NICE. COURAGE AND FAST HANDS.


...
NOW LET'S GO. TAMAO! MANTA! C'MON!

...

I'M SORRY.

...TO UPSET YOU.

I DIDN'T MEAN...

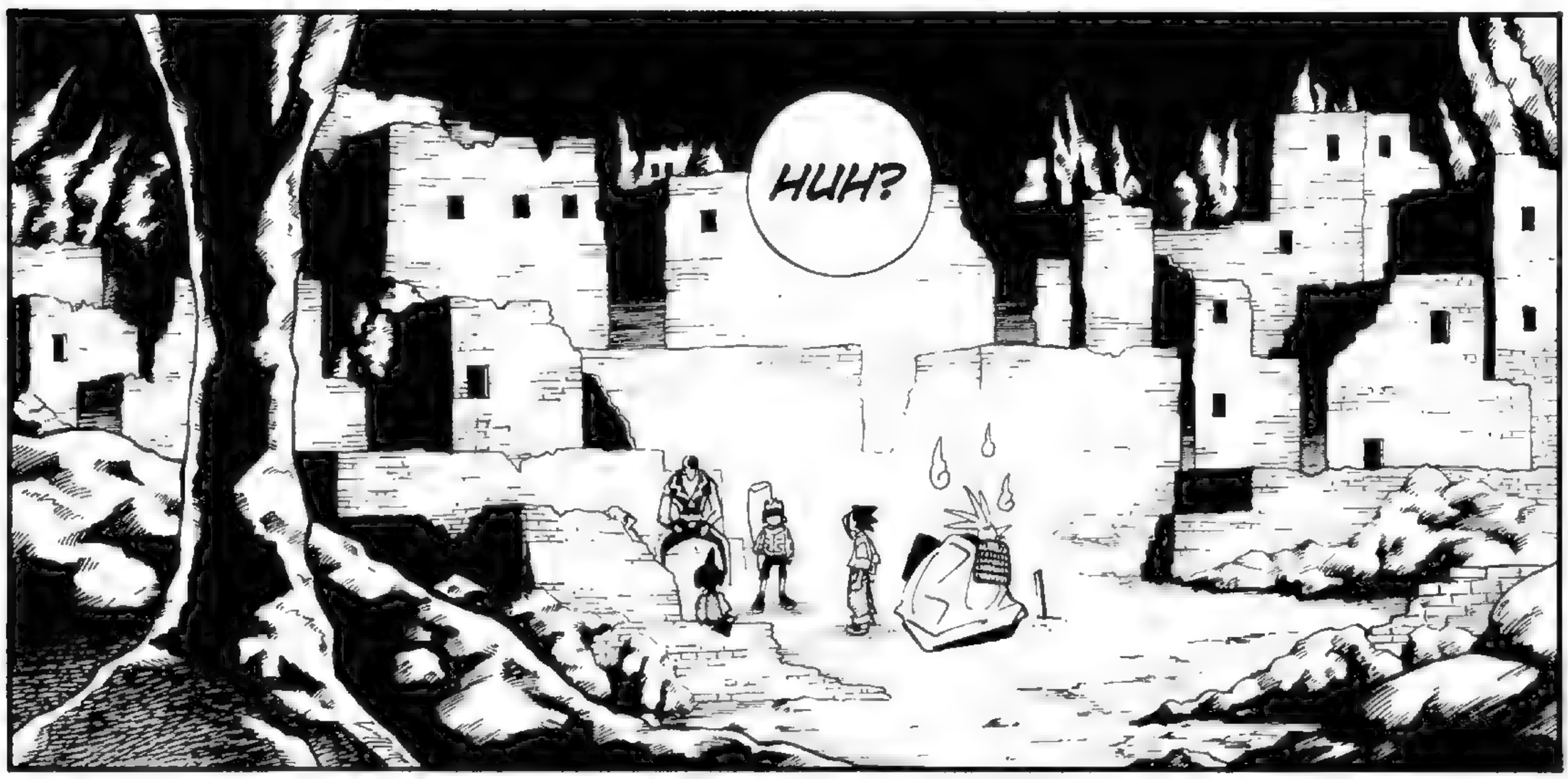
GRR...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE MOPING.

BUT IT'S TIME YOU STOPPED MOPING OVER HARUSAME, AMIDAMARU.

WE'RE ABOUT TO ENTER THE PATCH VILLAGE AND HALF YOUR OVER SOUL IS BUSTED.
...YOU SHOULD BE MOPING.

WELL, WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.
HEH HEH... OH YEAH.
I SAID...
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE BROKEN HARUSAME, LORD YOH.


HUH?

MASTER!! IT IS POISON FOR YOUR BODY AND SOUL TO GET SO AGGRAVATED.
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME?!
GRRR
THAT'S A PROBLEM. WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO, REN?

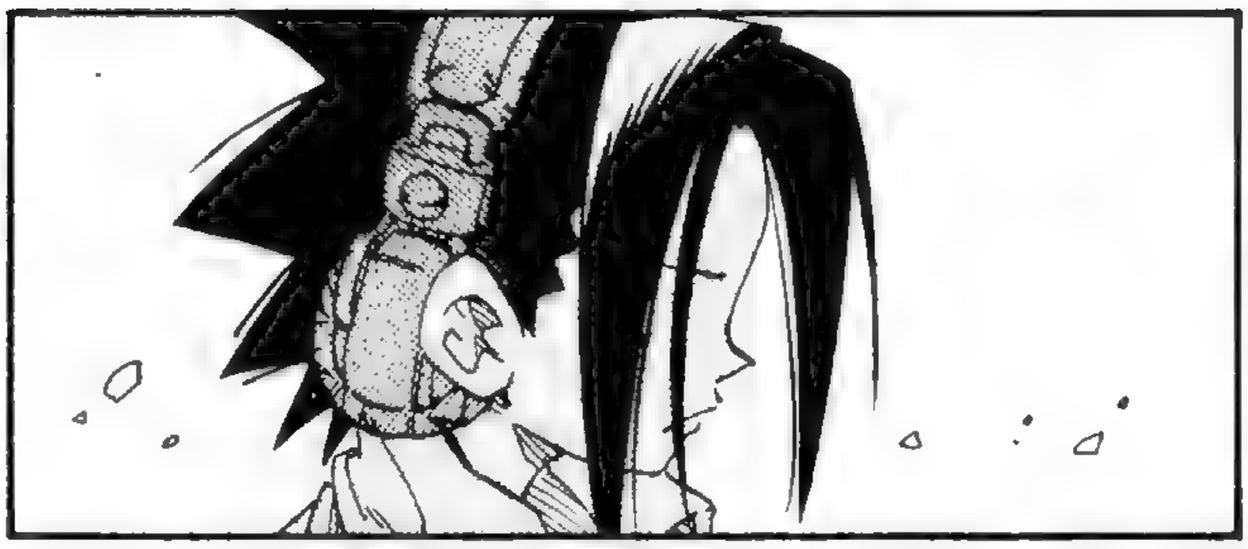
I'M NOT GOING BACK TO TOWN EITHER.
DON'T BE LIKE THAT, REN. WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME.

I'M NOT GOING BACK TO TOWN TO GET IT REPAIRED.
I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF WASTING ANY MORE TIME.

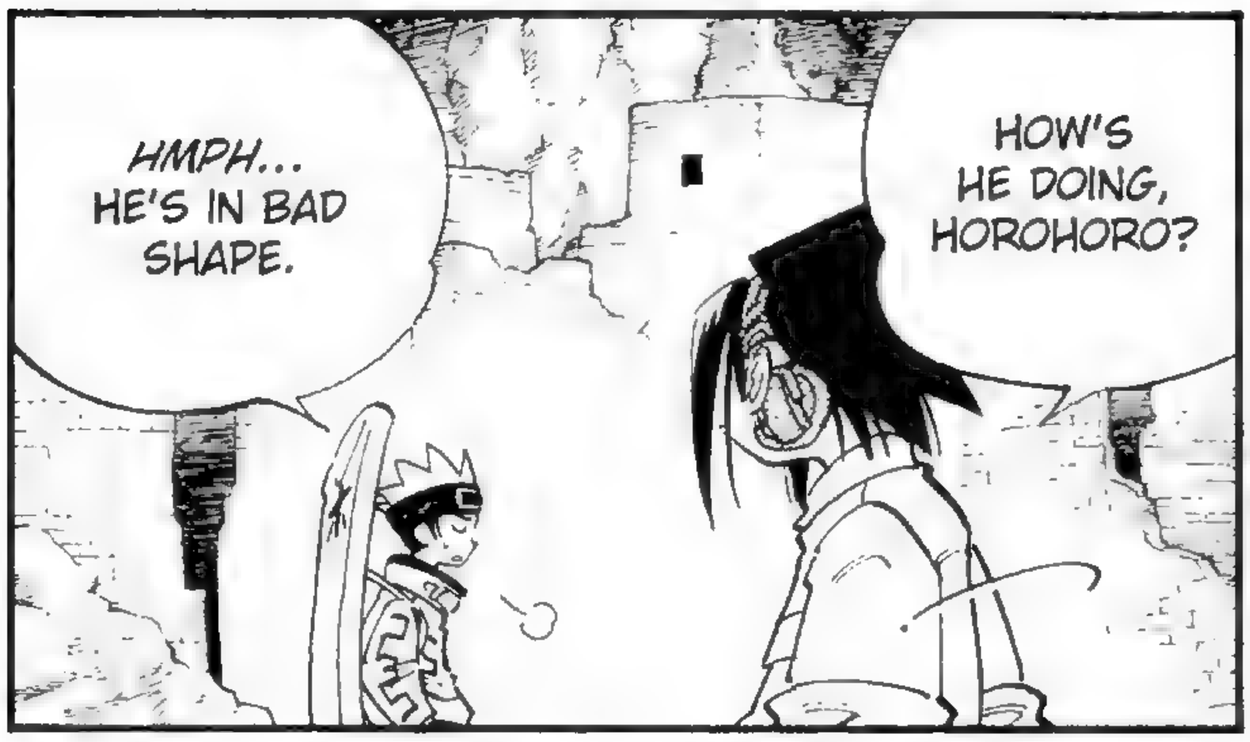
I'VE COME A LONG WAY TO DEFEAT HAO.

...BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TRIALS AWAIT US BEFORE WE GET THERE. WE MIGHT NOT HAVE AS MUCH TIME AS WE THINK.
THE PATCH VILLAGE MAY BE CLOSE...

...YOU LOST YOUR SWORD BECAUSE YOU HELPED ONE OF HAO'S MINIONS.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
ON TOP OF THAT...



I CAN'T HELP IT.
YOU STILL UPSET ABOUT THAT, LYSERG? THAT'S NOT GOOD.
SWIPE
SWIPE


HMPH... HE'S IN BAD SHAPE.
HOW'S HE DOING, HOROHORO?

...HE'S HORRIBLY BURNED. EVEN KORORO'S COLD BREATH CAN'T KEEP HIM ALIVE FOR LONG.
HE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS, BUT...

...CHIEF?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO...

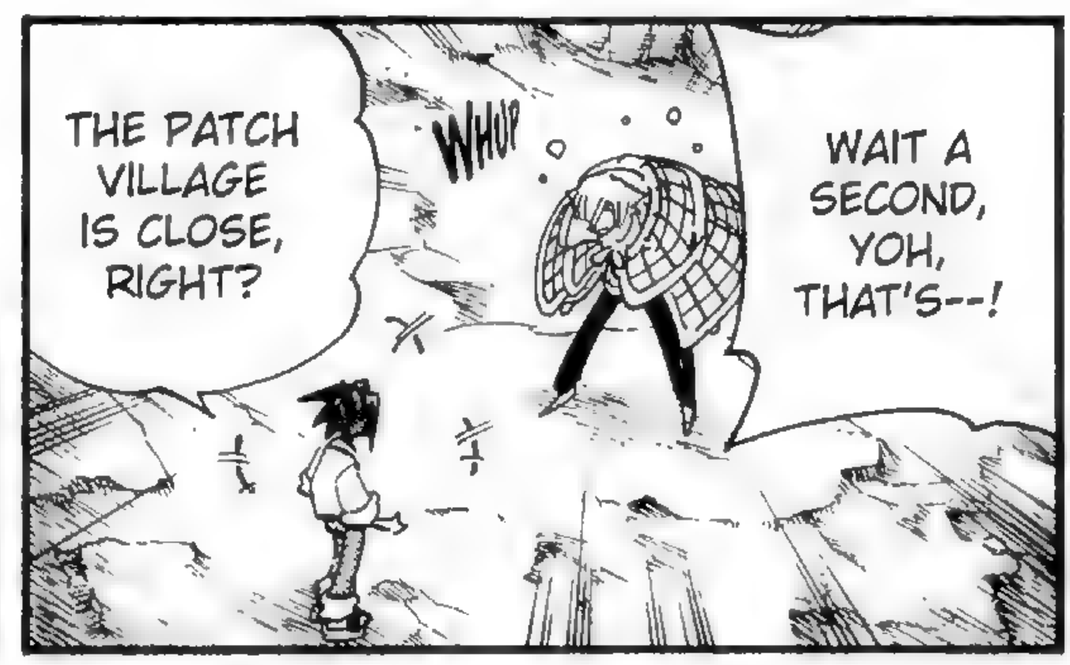
EVEN IF WE GOT THERE FAST, HE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT.

BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY WAY OF TRANSPORT-ING HIM BACK TO TOWN.

HE NEEDS A DOCTOR.
HMM...

WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE HIM WITH US.

WE HAVE NO CHOICE.

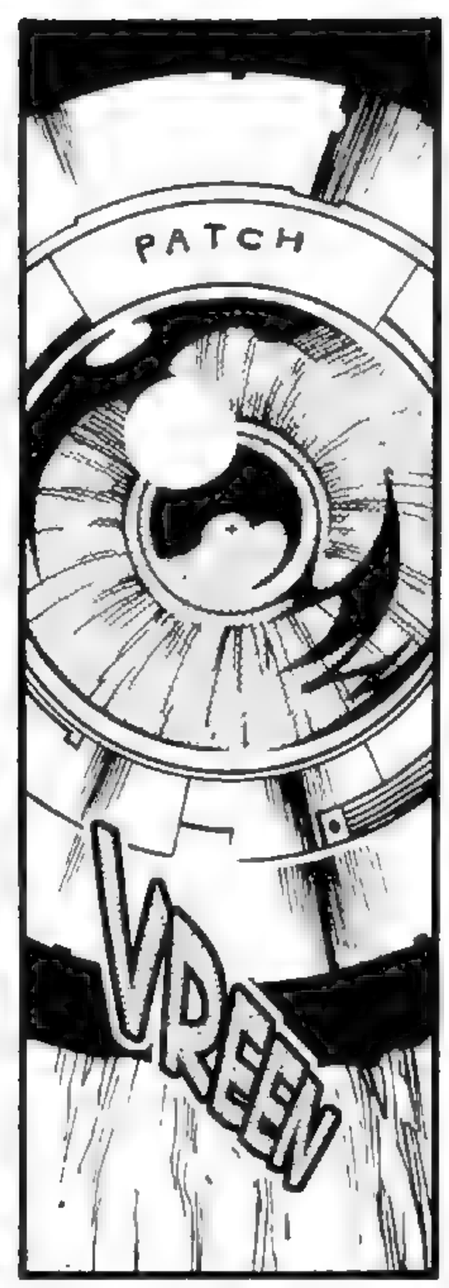


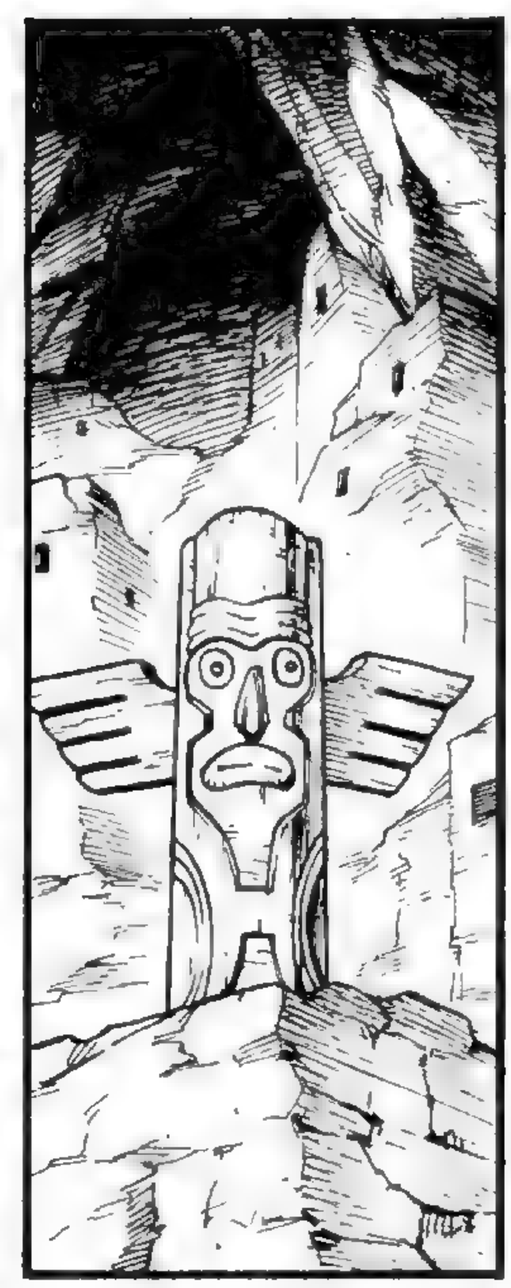
AND IT SCARES ME.
THIS IS ONE OF YOH'S GIFTS.

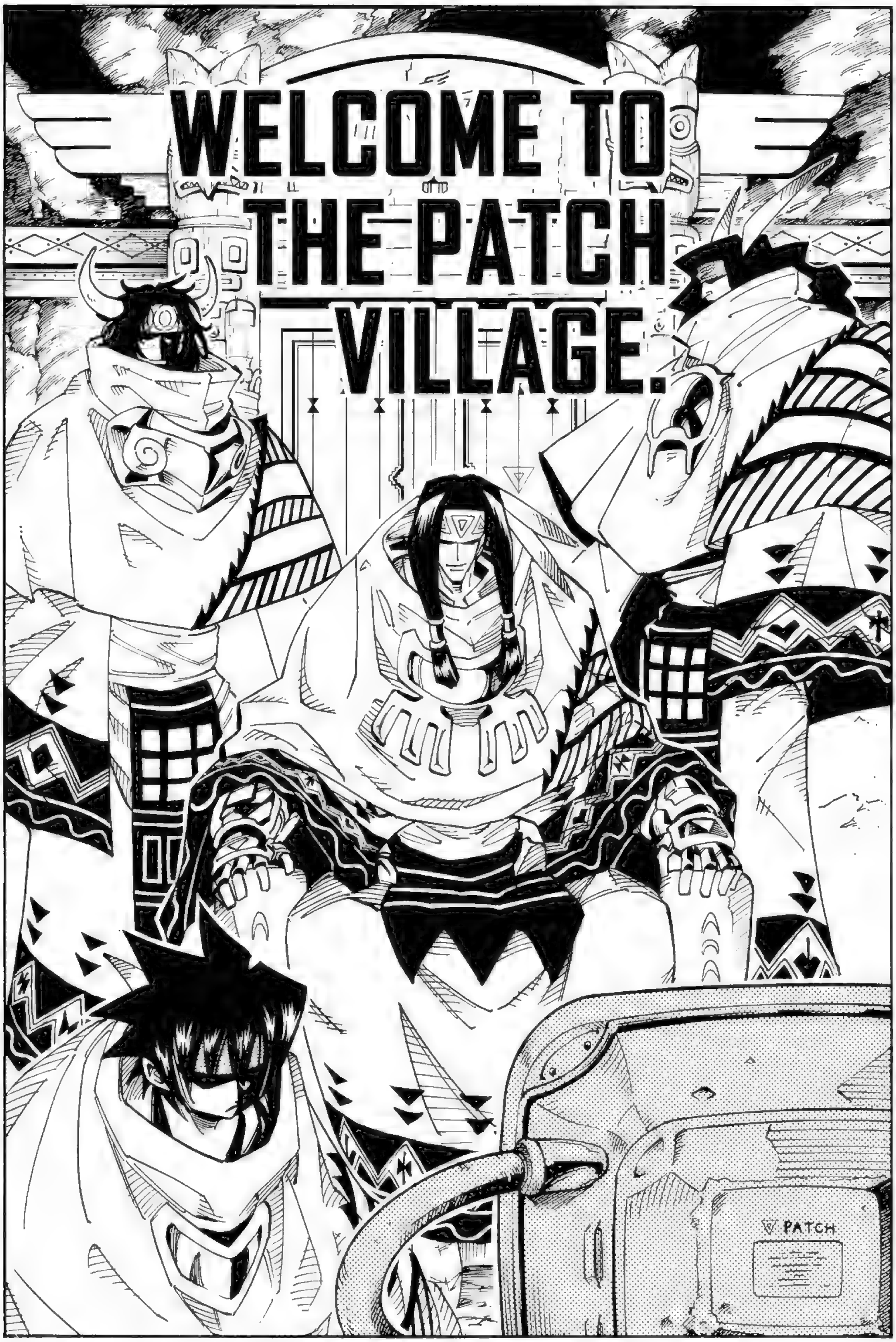
THE MOOD SUDDENLY WENT FROM GLOOMY TO CHEERFUL.

I'M AFRAID I'LL LOSE MYSELF IF I'M NOT CAREFUL.

YOU'RE FINALLY HERE...
...YOH.

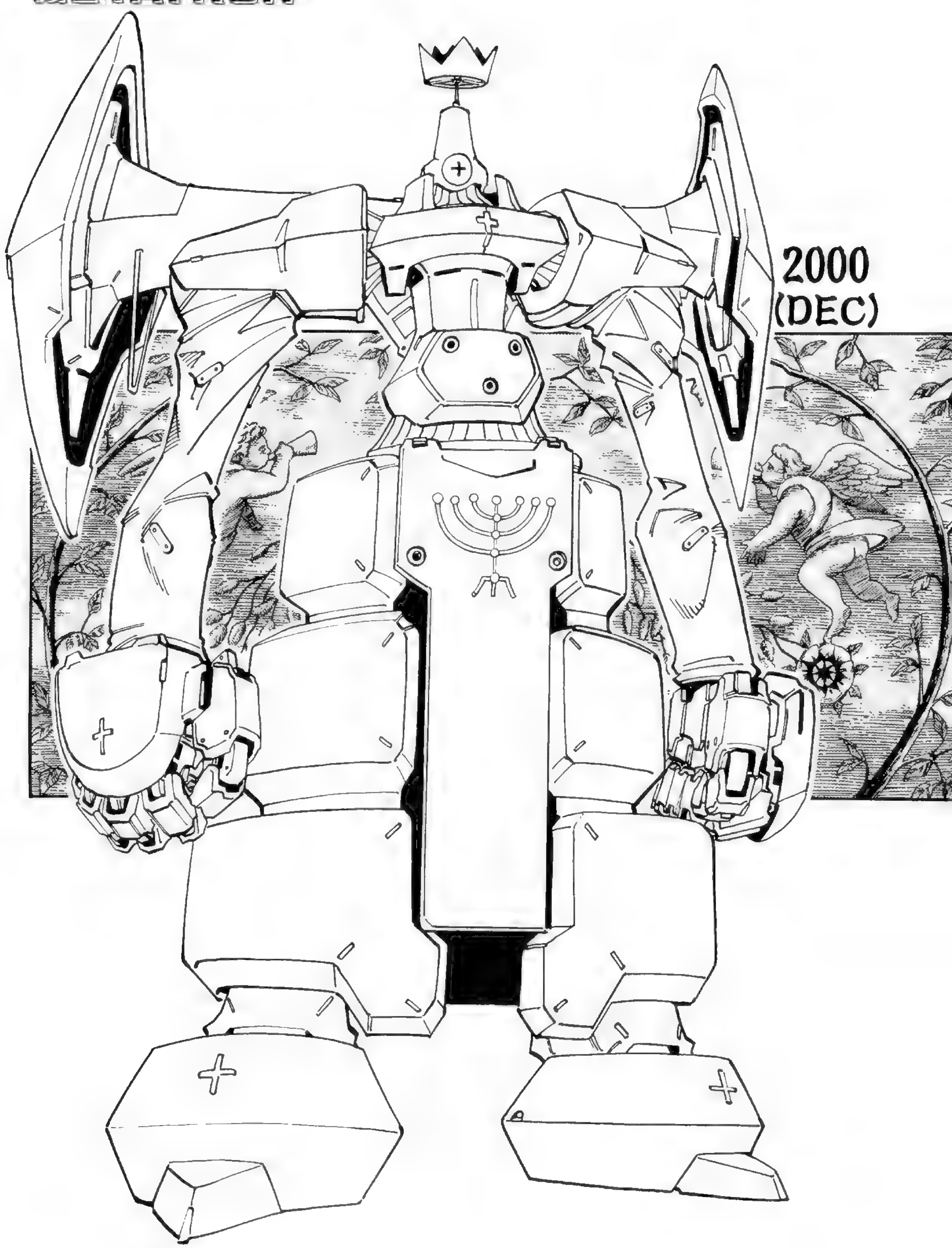

PATCH
VREEN




WELCOME TO THE PATCH VILLAGE.
PATCH

SHAMAN KING CHARACTER FILE No.58

メタトロン
METATRON



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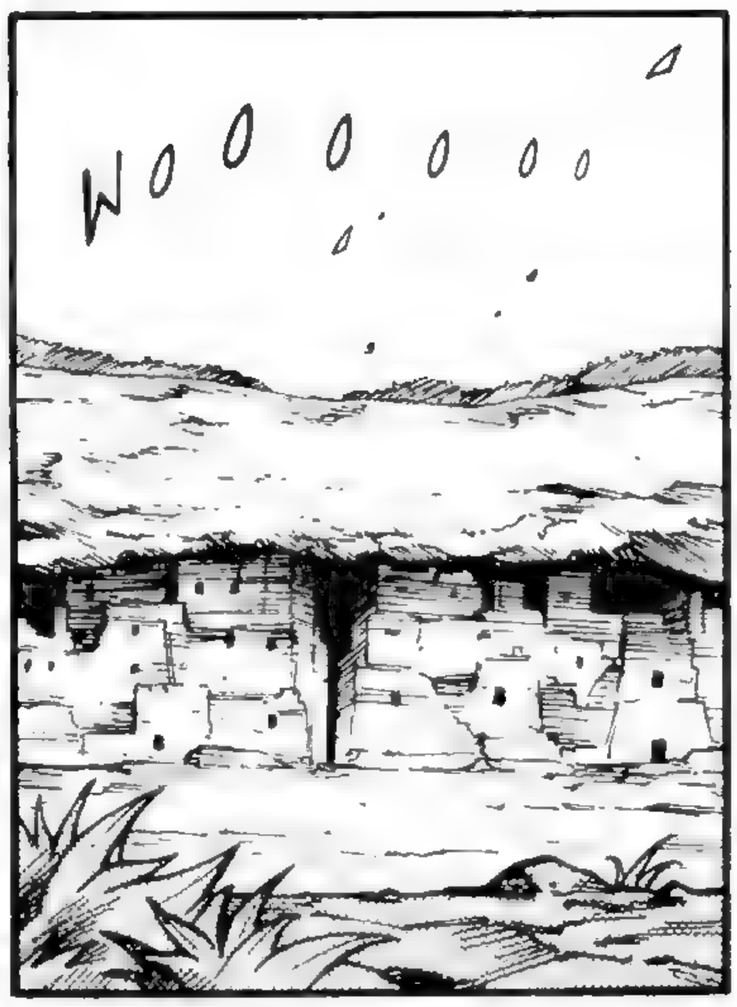
THESE STAIRS...

...SEEM TO LEAD TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH.



AS YOU'D EXPECT...

...THERE'S HARDLY ANY LIGHT THIS FAR IN.

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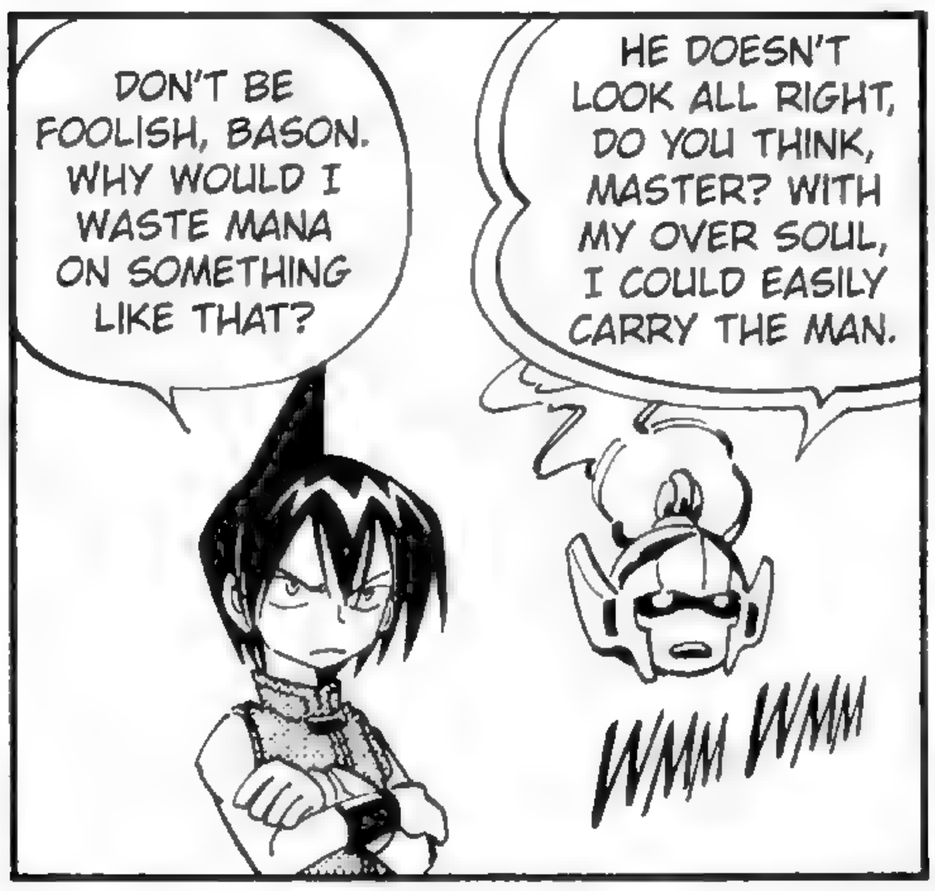
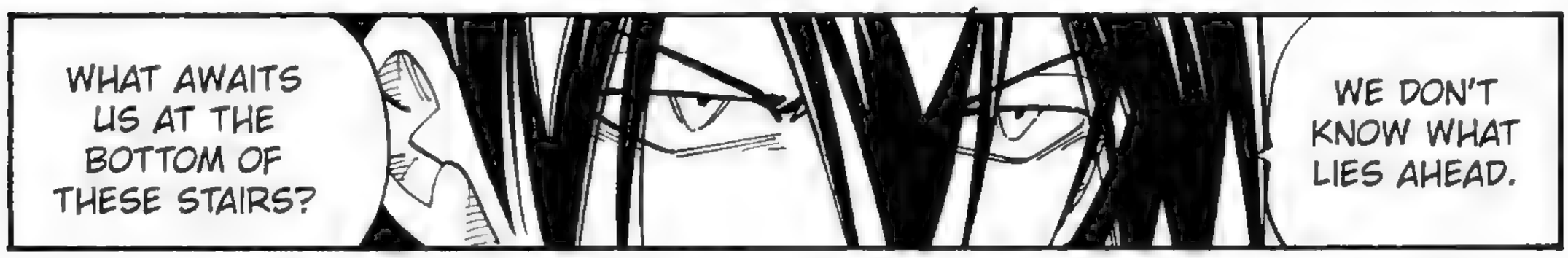
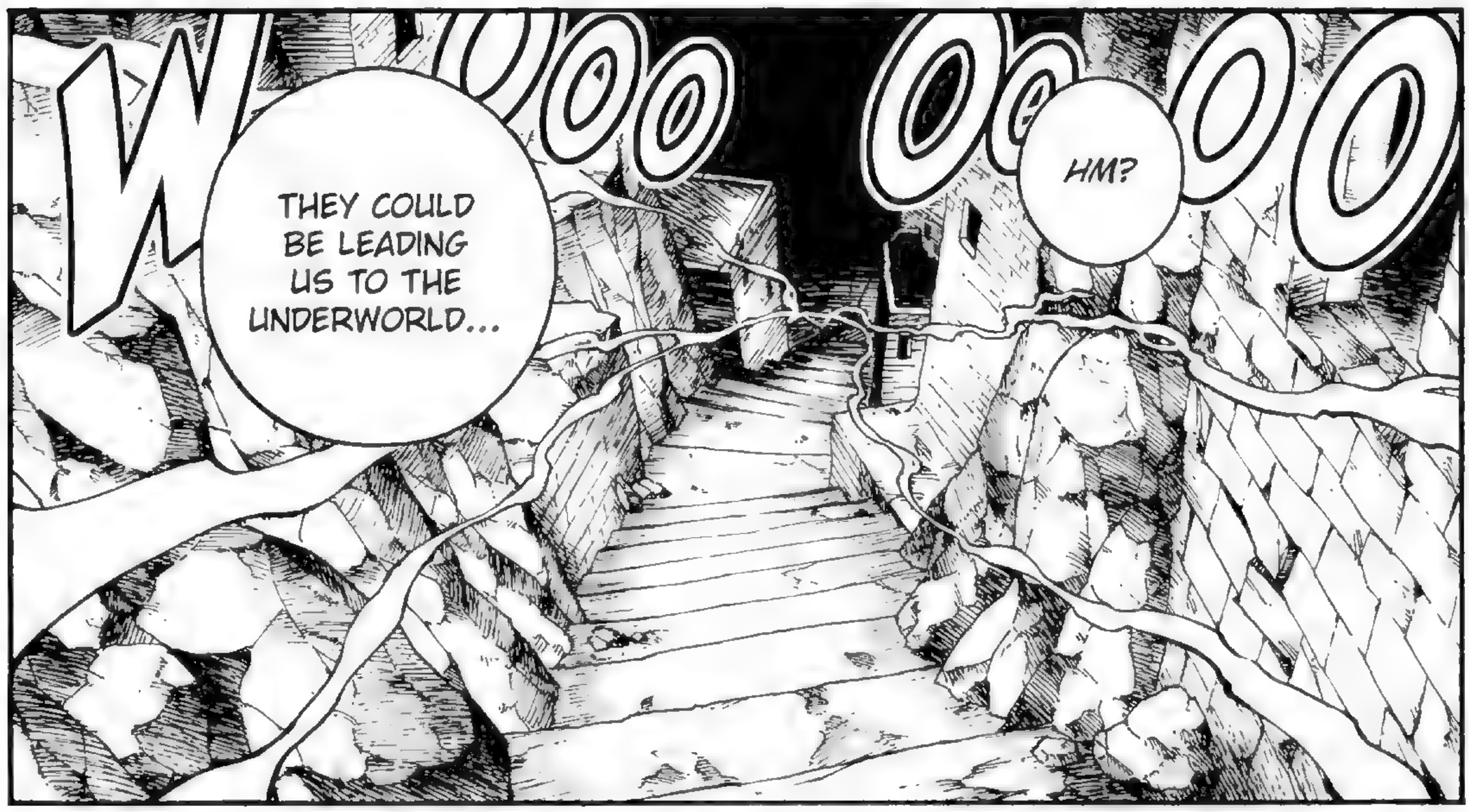
I HAVE ABOVE AVERAGE TENACITY.
HUFF
HUFF


DON'T BE FOOLISH, BASON. WHY WOULD I WASTE MANA ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
HE DOESN'T LOOK ALL RIGHT, DO YOU THINK, MASTER? WITH MY OVER SOUL, I COULD EASILY CARRY THE MAN.
WMM WMM

PIECE O' CAKE ...!
HOOGA
ARE YOU OKAY, RYU?
Toing
Toing
SHAKE
SHAKE


WHAT AWAITS US AT THE BOTTOM OF THESE STAIRS?
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT LIES AHEAD.


THEY COULD BE LEADING US TO THE UNDERWORLD...
HM?

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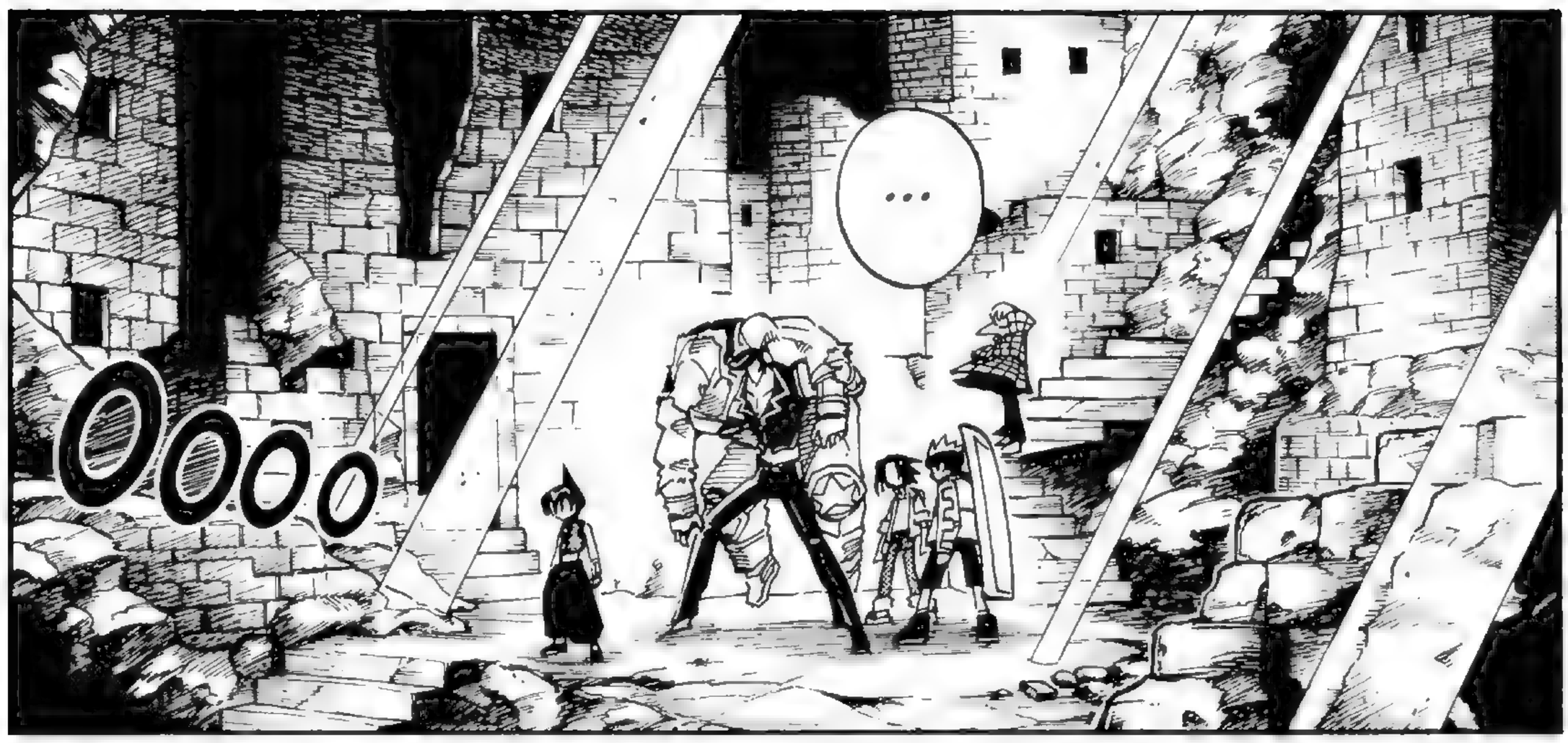
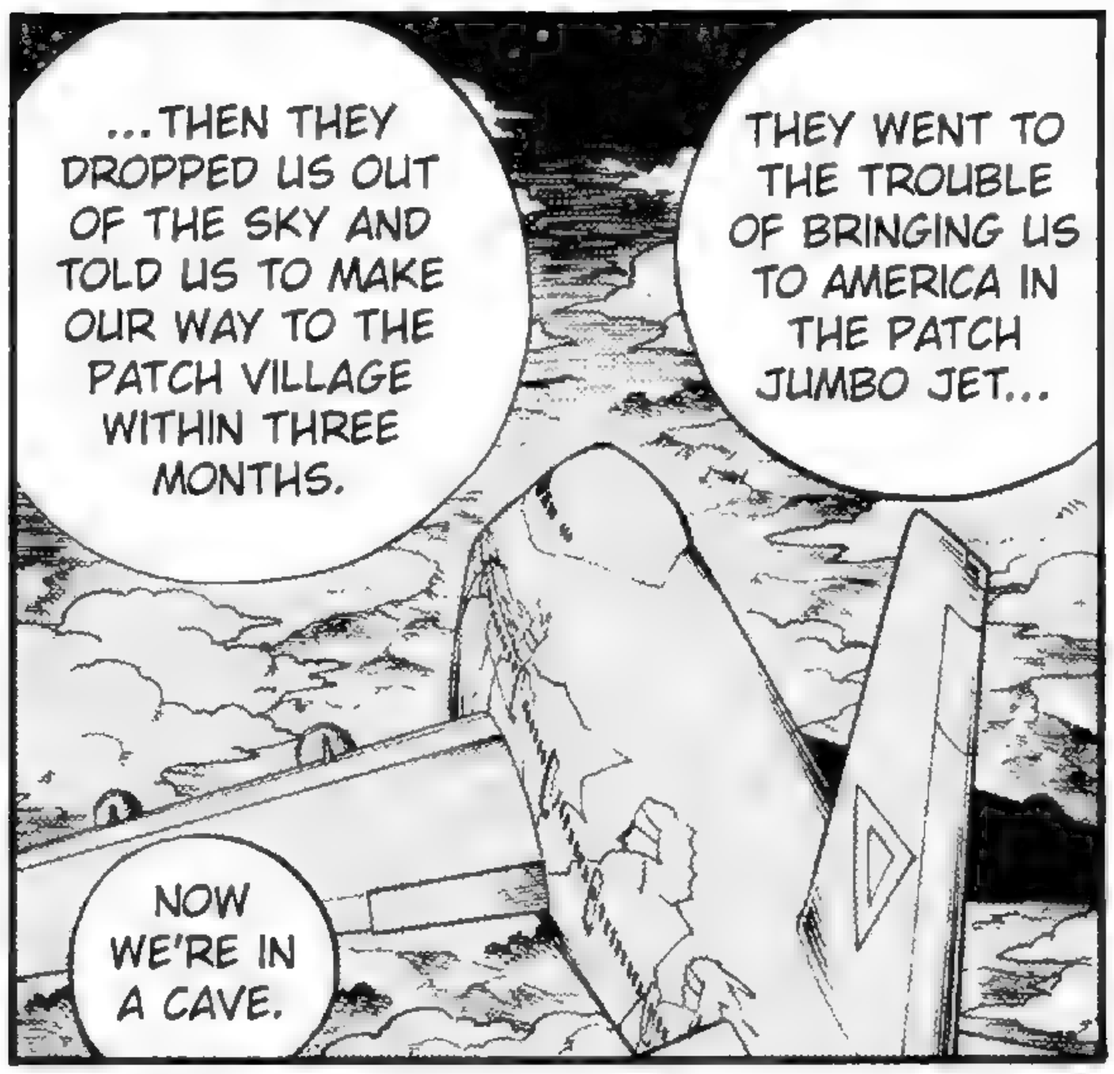

...

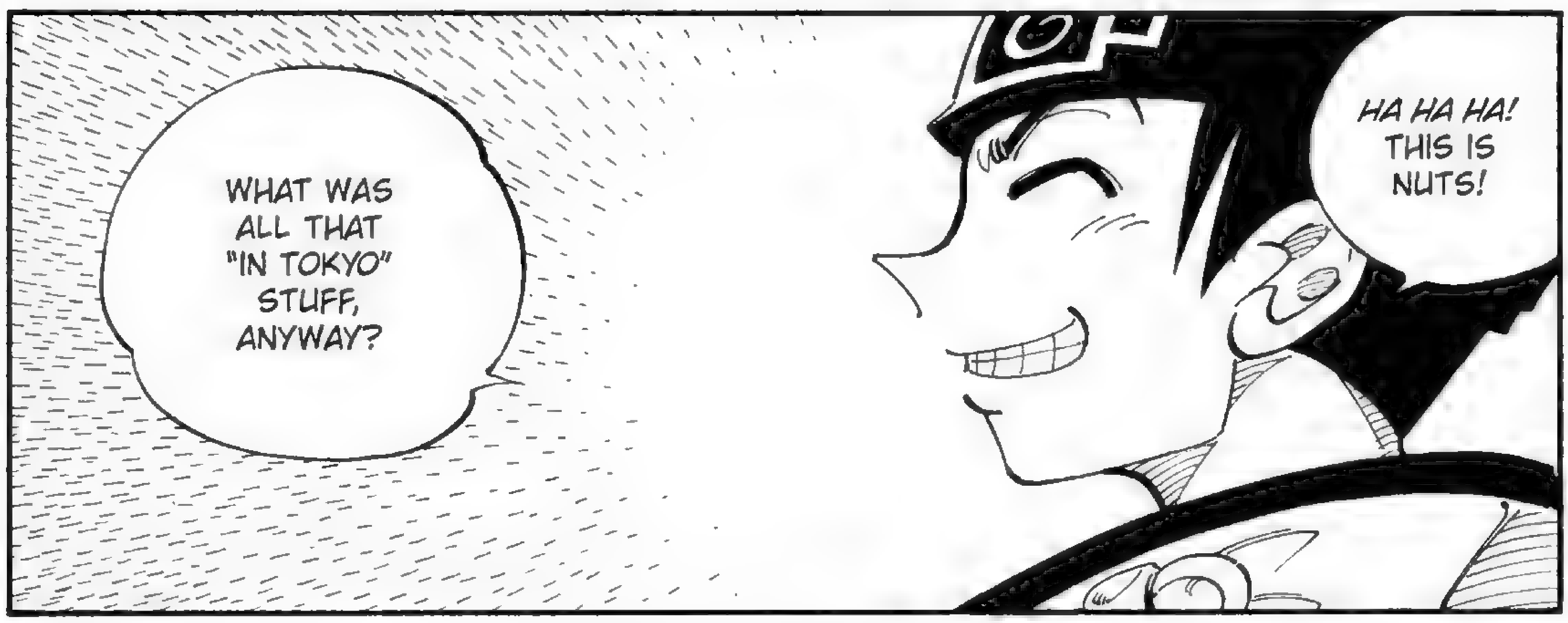
...WE COULD NEVER GO BACK TO OUR OLD LIVES AFTER THE SHAMAN FIGHT.
GOLDVA DID SAY...
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
FIRST ANGELS, THEN THE UNDER-WORLD?

HUH?
...WE'VE COME A LONG WAY.
AND...


...THEN THEY DROPPED US OUT OF THE SKY AND TOLD US TO MAKE OUR WAY TO THE PATCH VILLAGE WITHIN THREE MONTHS.
THEY WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF BRINGING US TO AMERICA IN THE PATCH JUMBO JET...
NOW WE'RE IN A CAVE.

WHAT?

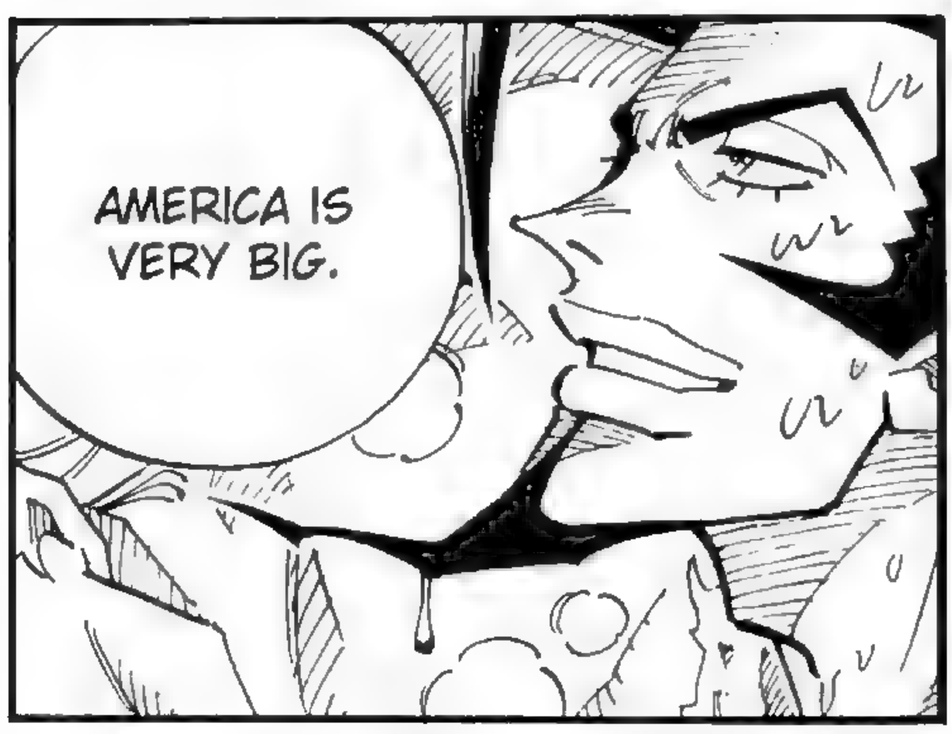
WE'VE MADE IT THIS FAR, BUT WE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT ANYTHING.


WHAT WAS ALL THAT "IN TOKYO" STUFF, ANYWAY?
HA HA HA! THIS IS NUTS!

...HAO AND THE X-LAWS...
...BLUEBELL AND APOLLO...
MEETING LILIRARA, THOSE SEMINOA WARRIORS, LYSERG...
AND EVERY-THING THAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR HAS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PATCH.

HMPH.
...

YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.


AMERICA IS VERY BIG.

THIS PLACE IS SO BIG.
I'M FEELING EVEN SMALLER THAN USUAL.

AND WE'RE SO LITTLE.
YEAH.

NO.

I SENSE SOMETHING STRANGE AGAIN.

HUH? DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG, AMIDAMARU?

WHOA... IT'S LIKE A MAZE OR SOMETHING!

I DIDN'T NOTICE IT IN THE DARK, BUT THIS ROAD BRANCHES ALL OVER THE PLACE.

CALLING YOU?

HEY!

REN, CHECK THIS OUT!

I WAS FOLLOWING YOU GUYS. WHO WAS IN THE LEAD?

BUT I DIDN'T NOTICE ANY FORKS ALONG THE WAY...

WHAT ?!

HOW STRANGE. WE ALL CHOSE THE SAME ROUTE INSTINCTIVELY. THEN THAT MEANS...

GEEZ, YOH, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE LEADER.

I WAS JUST FOLLOWING ALONG!

...WERE GUIDED HERE.

YOUR SOULS...

DOOM

YOU'LL... BE DEAD SOON TOO.

YOU'RE NOT OKAY! YOU'LL DIE IF YOU DON'T TAKE IT EASY.

FUUU

WHEEZ

HUFF

GASP GASP

HUFF HUFF

SORRY, BUT I DON'T WANT YOUR CHARITY.

I'M... OKAY NOW.

YOU'RE AWAKE!

AH! BIG GUY BILL?!!

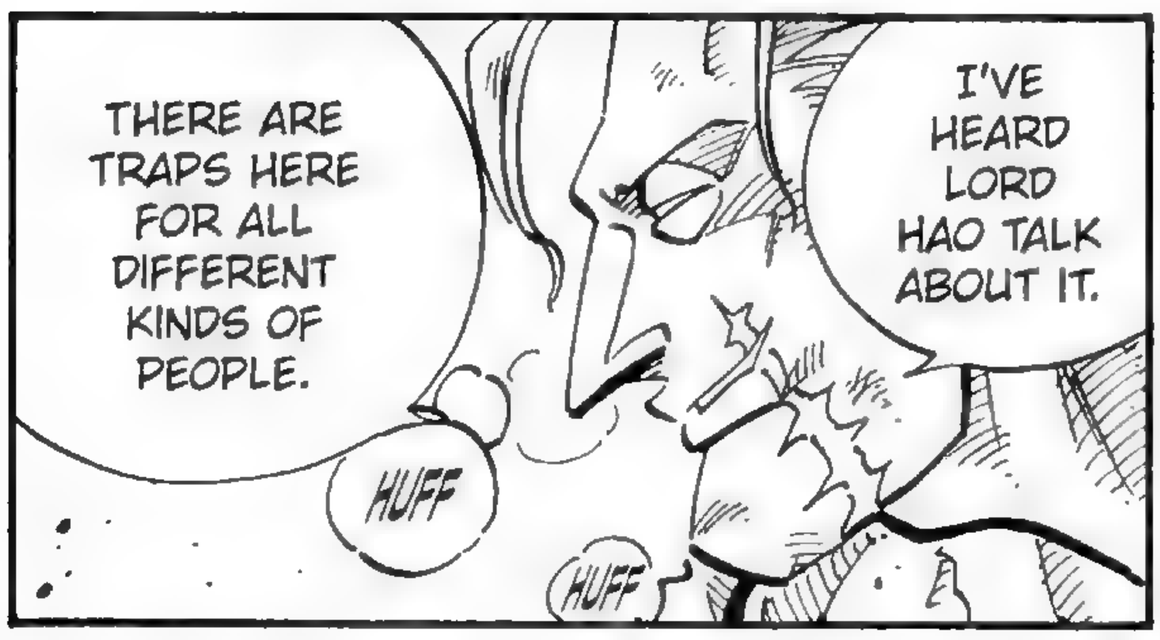
PUT ME DOWN.

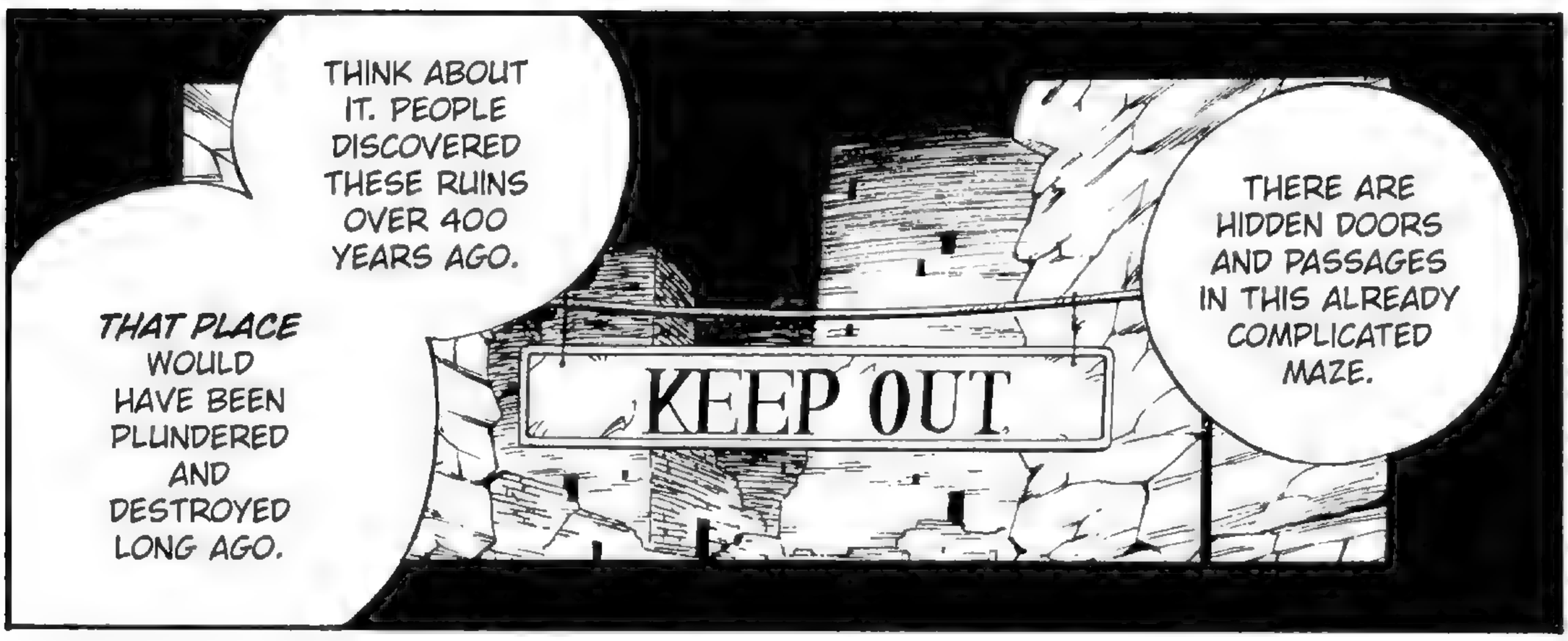
...I'LL REPAY YOU FOR SAVING ME.

SO...

THIS IS THE TRUE ROAD OPEN ONLY TO THE CHOSEN SHAMANS.

LISTEN TO ME.





BUT YOUR TRUE DESTINATION IS *THAT PLACE.*
YES, THERE'S A PATCH VILLAGE THERE.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE KIND OF THING THE PATCH WOULD DO.
THEY MUST HAVE USED THEIR AMAZING HANDICRAFT SKILLS TO MAKE THE TRAPS.
YOU MEAN THE PATCH VILLAGE?
THAT PLACE?

...ARE JUST THE GUARDIANS THAT PROTECT IT GENERATION AFTER GENERATION.
THE PATCH...

...CELESTIAL HOLY GROUND.
THE PROTECTORS OF THE GREAT...

...HOLY GROUND?
?

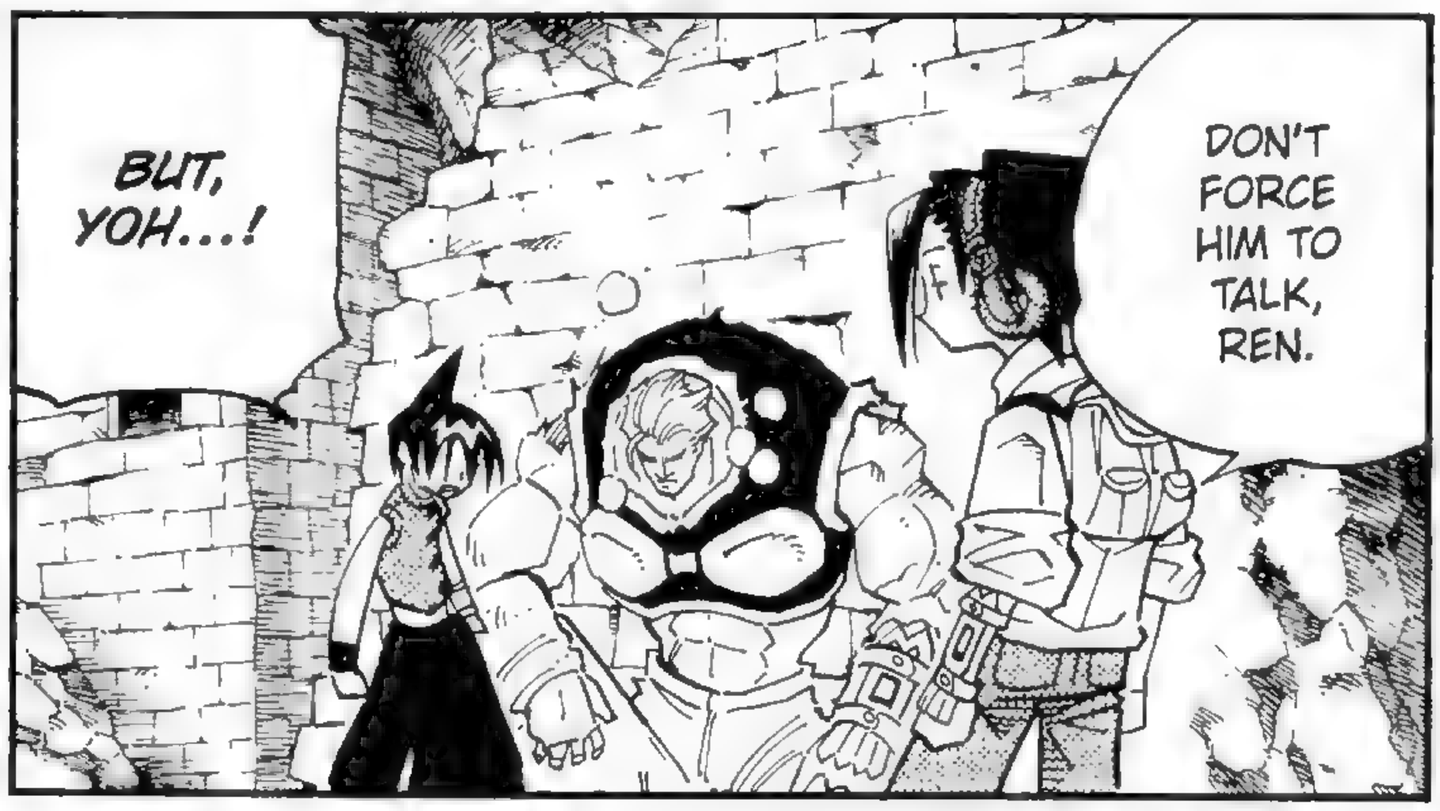
?
CELESTIAL...

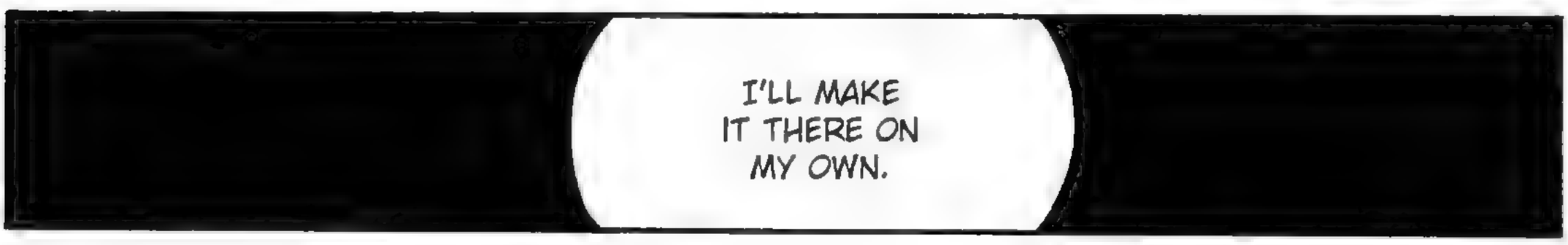
NOW GET OUT OF HERE. IF YOU DON'T, I'LL HAVE TO DO MY DUTY AND KILL YOU.

YOU ROTTEN...
GRR

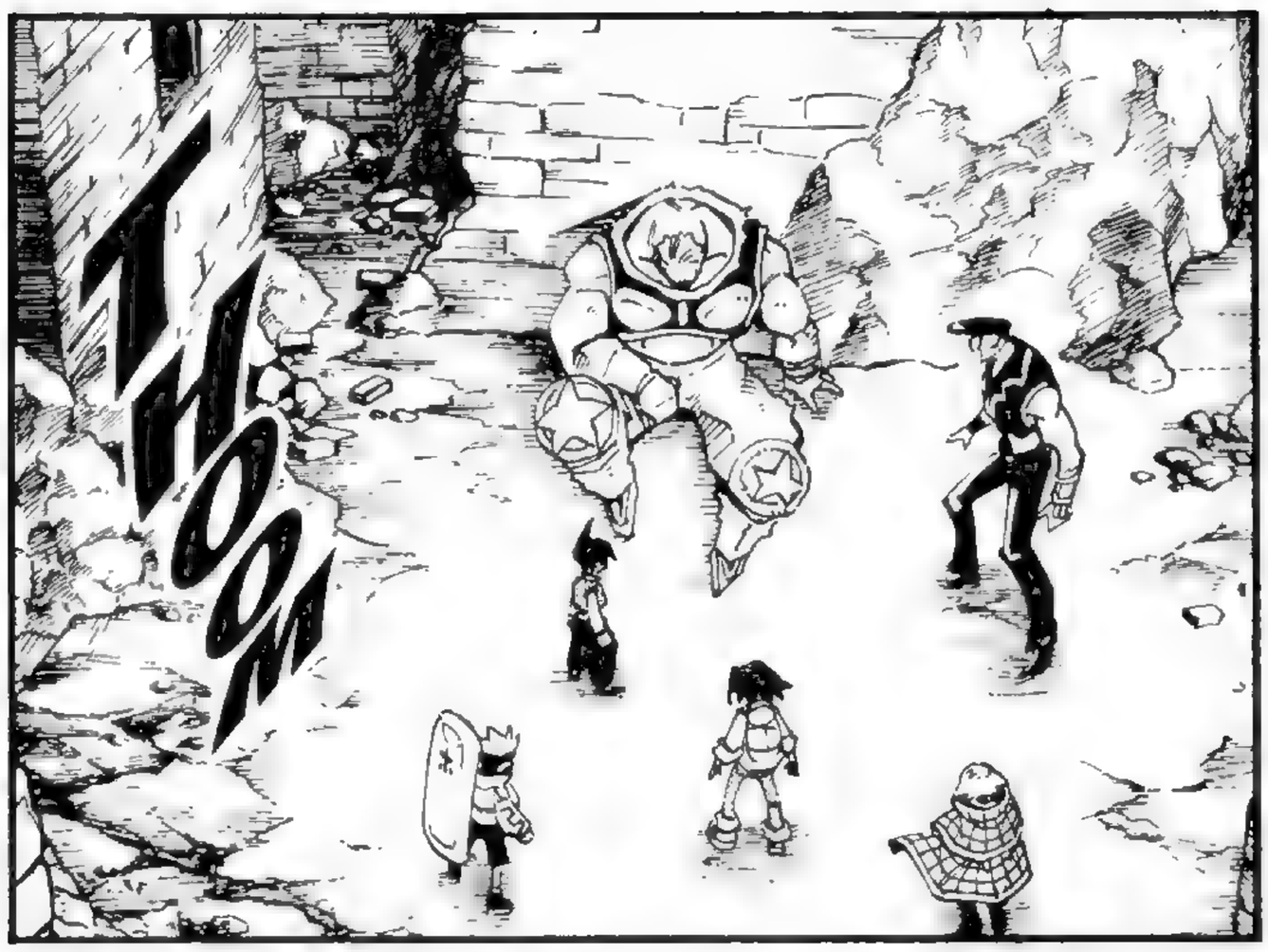
THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU. BUT IF YOU'RE REALLY SUCH GREAT SHAMANS, THE SPIRITS WILL SHOW YOU THE PATH AND YOU'LL REACH IT.
INSOLENT DOG! STOP GRAND-STANDING AND TELL US WHAT THIS CELESTIAL HOLY GROUND IS!
HUFF
HUFF
WELL? FEEL BETTER? I'VE PAID YOU BACK IN FULL.

BILL, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?


BUT, YOH...!
DON'T FORCE HIM TO TALK, REN.

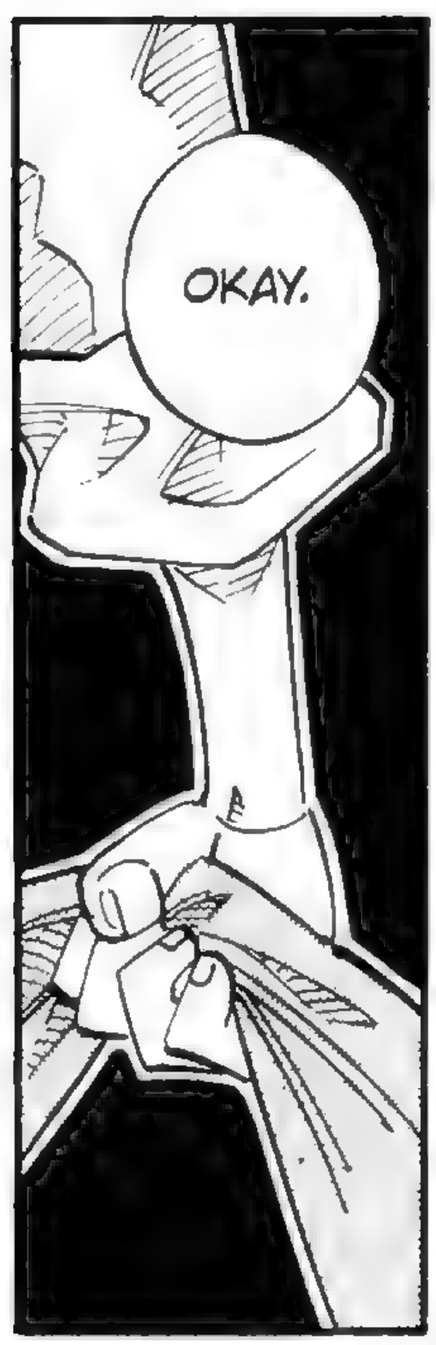

I'LL MAKE IT THERE ON MY OWN.

BIG GUY BILL WON'T DIE...
SLEEK
I'M THE TOUGHEST OF LORD HAO'S MINIONS.


THOOM

...THAT EASILY.

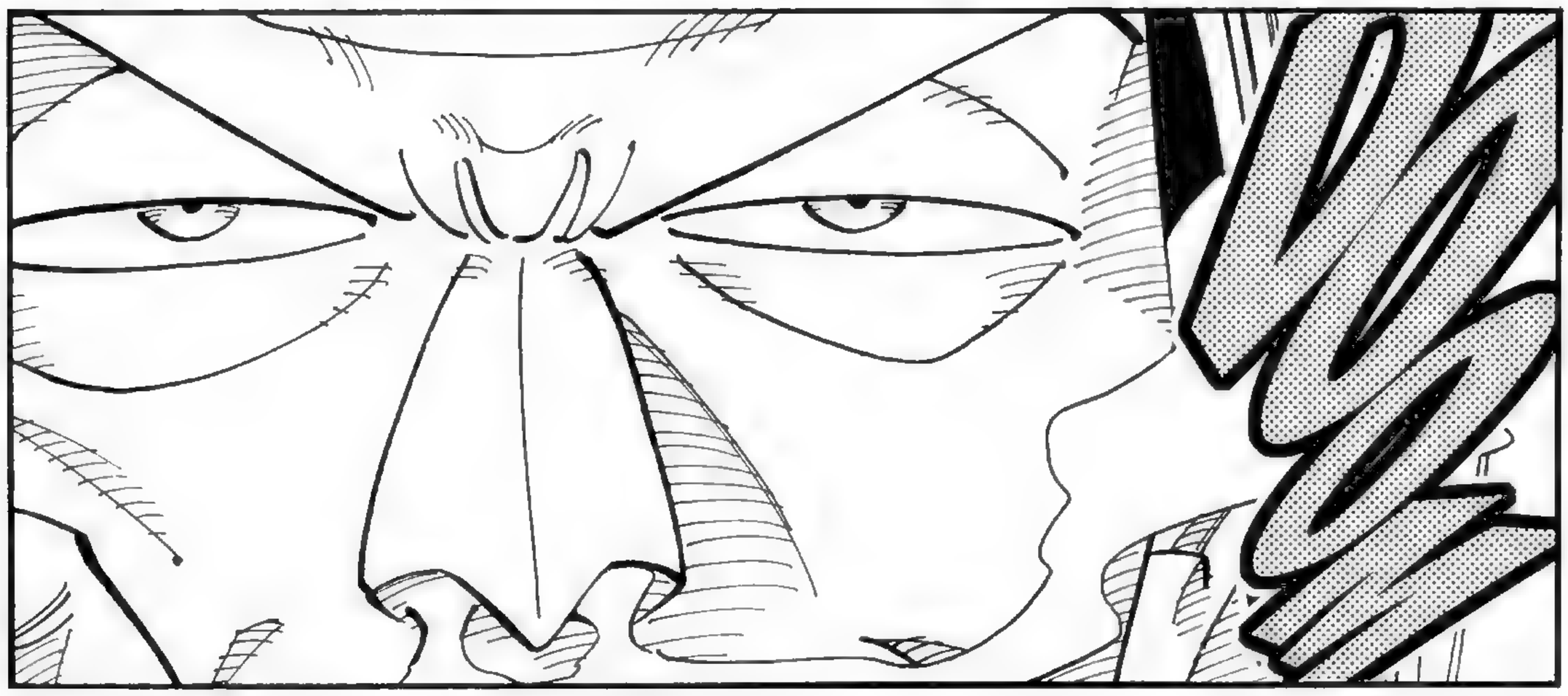
WOW!! HIS TENACITY'S ABOVE AVERAGE TOO!
HEY! HE PASSED OUT.
HE'S NOT HUMAN!!

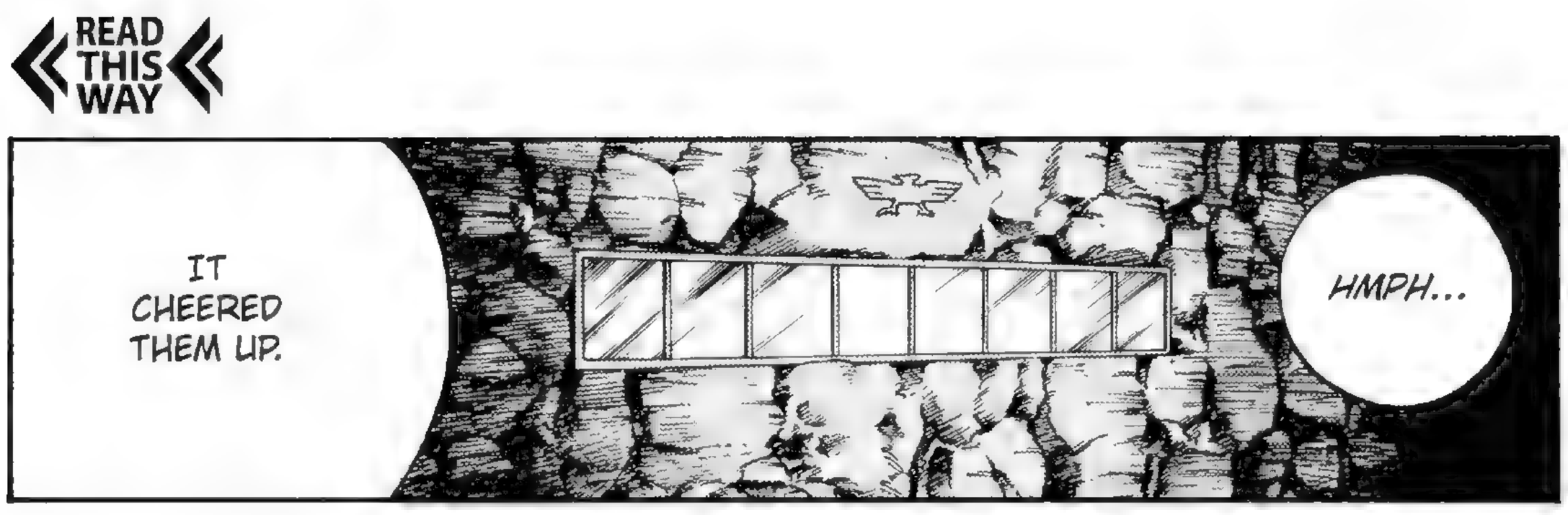

OKAY.

YOH...

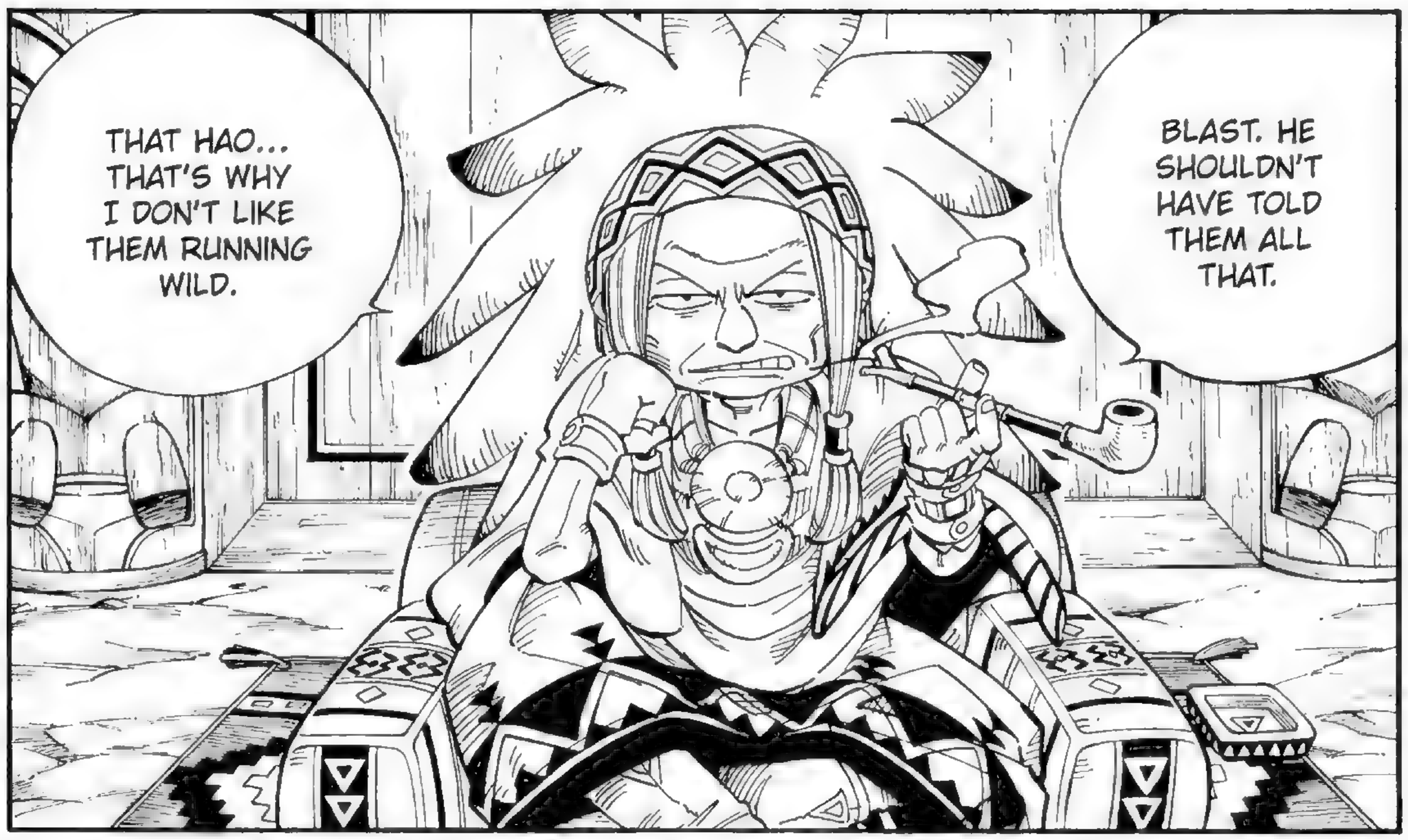
THE PLACE ONLY THE CHOSEN SHAMANS CAN REACH.
CELESTIAL HOLY GROUND...

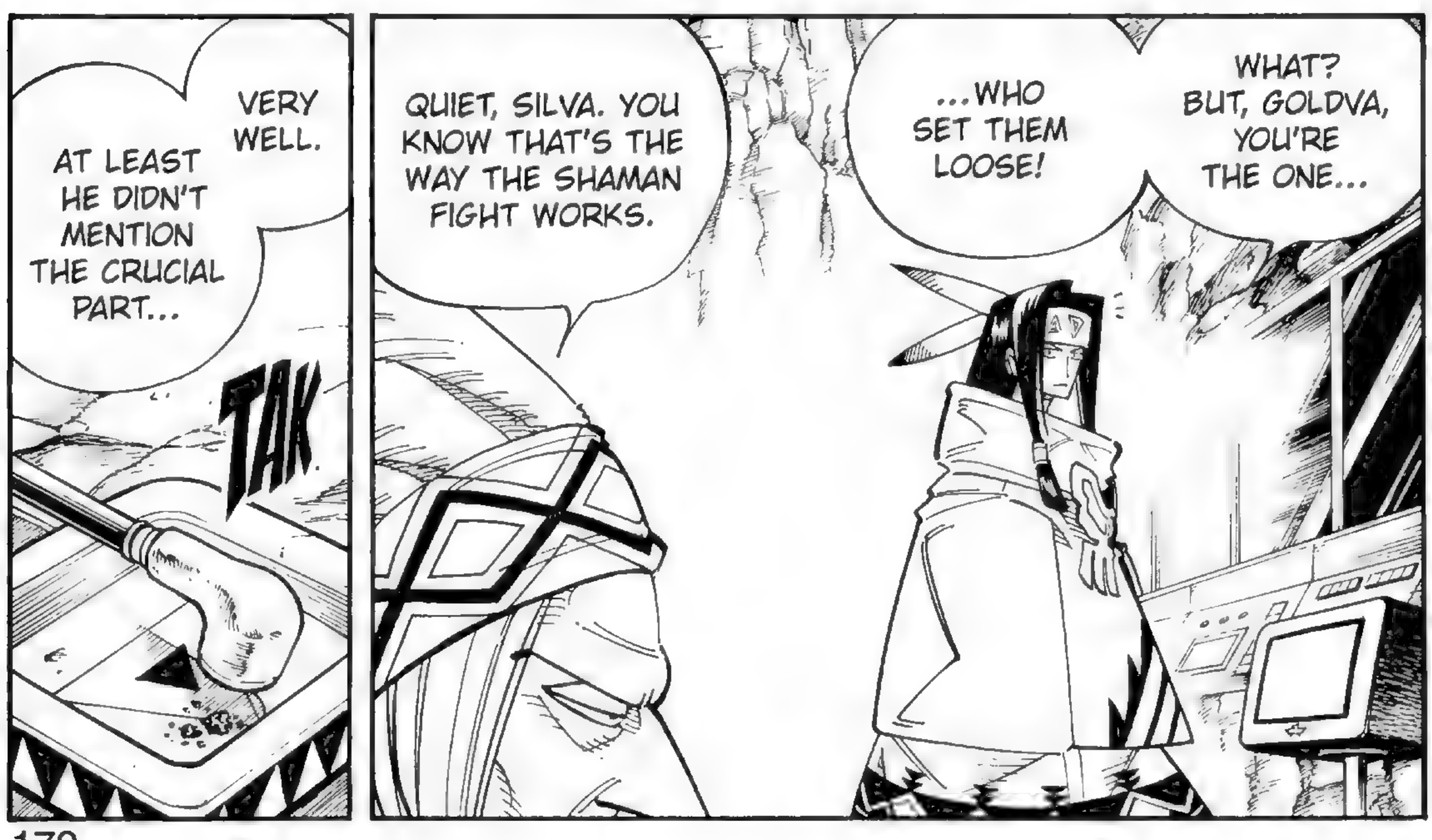
ALL WE CAN DO IS PREPARE FOR THE WORST AND GO FORWARD.

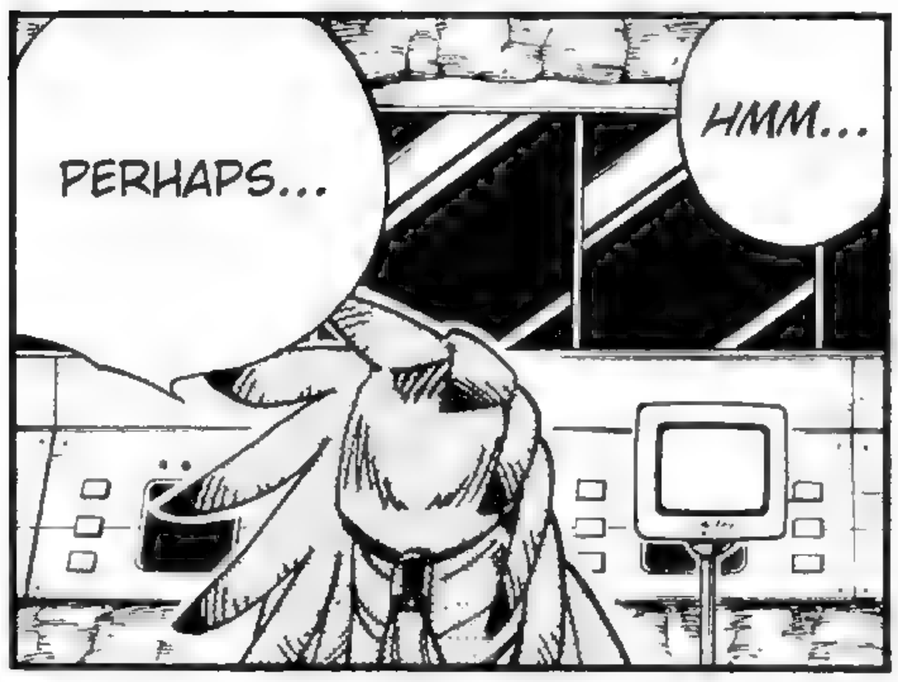



READ THIS WAY

IT CHEERED THEM UP.
HMPH...

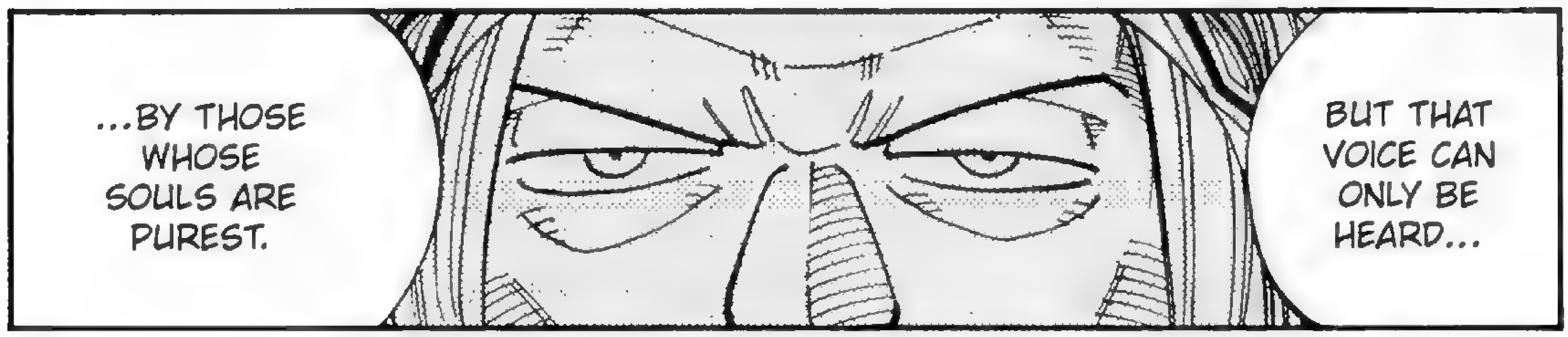

THAT HAO... THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE THEM RUNNING WILD.
BLAST. HE SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD THEM ALL THAT.


VERY WELL.
AT LEAST HE DIDN'T MENTION THE CRUCIAL PART...
TAK
QUIET, SILVA. YOU KNOW THAT'S THE WAY THE SHAMAN FIGHT WORKS.
...WHO SET THEM LOOSE!
WHAT? BUT, GOLDVA, YOU'RE THE ONE...


PERHAPS...
HMM...

...IS CALLING OUT TO EVERY SOUL.
...A GUIDING VOICE...

...WHETHER BIG GUY BILL'S GUIDANCE WILL DO THEM ANY GOOD.
IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN ...


...BY THOSE WHOSE SOULS ARE PUREST.
BUT THAT VOICE CAN ONLY BE HEARD...

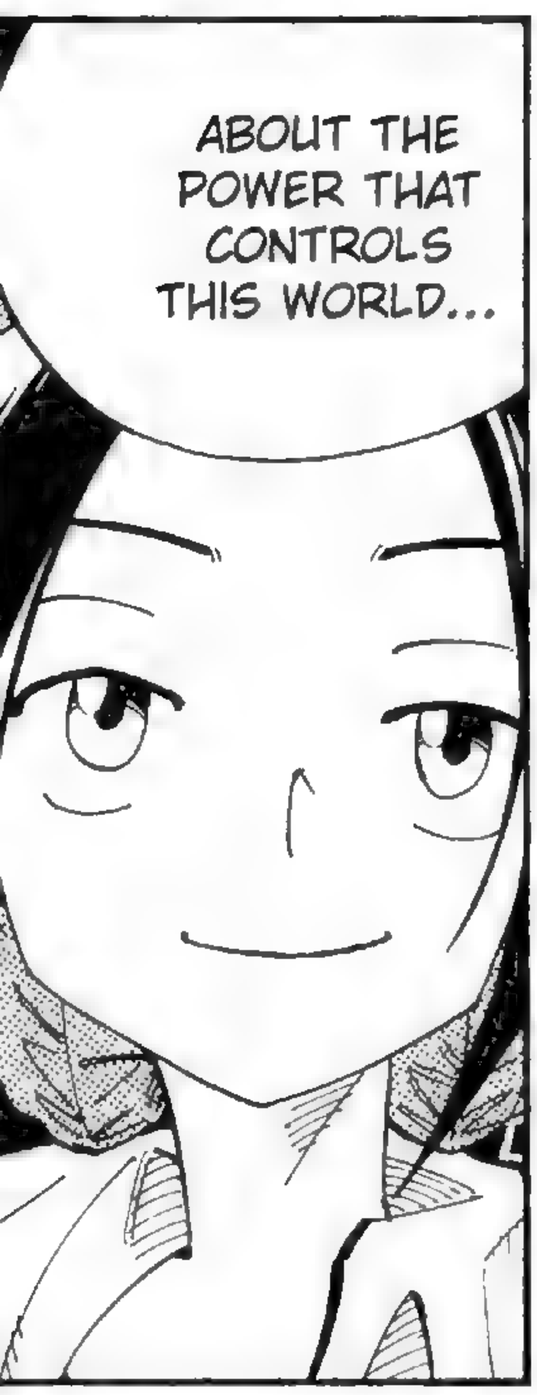
AT LAST...

...

IT'S GOOD TO BE HUMBLED.
HA HA... THIS JOURNEY HAS BEEN DIFFICULT, EVEN FOR THEM.

...FOR THEM TO LEARN THE MEANING OF THIS JOURNEY...

...THE TIME HAS COME...



THE SUPREME SPIRIT ALLY THAT ONLY THE SHAMAN KING CAN OBTAIN!

THE
TIME
HAS
COME
...

...FOR
THE
GREAT
SPIRIT'S
BLESS-
ING!
TO BE CONTINUED

SHAMAN KING

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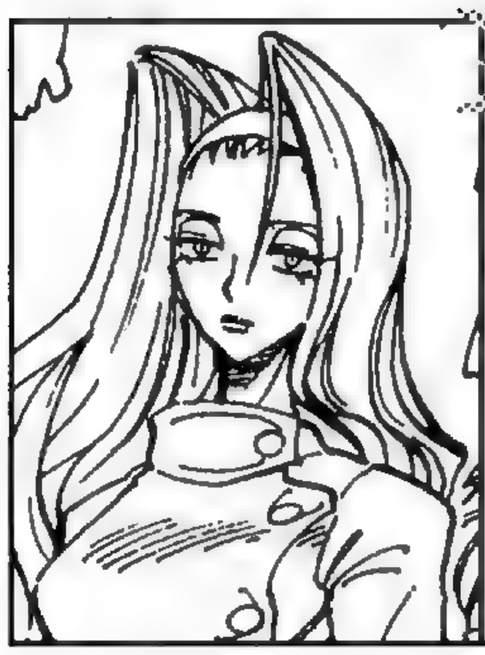
HEIYU

THE RESULT OF THE FIRST ALL-CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL!!
※ THIS POLL WAS CONNUCTED IN JAPAN AND THE RESULTS WERE FIRST PUBLISHED IN WEEKLY SHONEN JUMP NO. 41 IN THE YEAR 2000.
31,949 VOTES WERE CAST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
NO. 1 YOH ASAKURA 6,603 VOTES
NO. 2 TAO REN 5,106 VOTES
NO. 3 ANNA KYOYAMA 3,209 VOTES
NO. 4 HOROHORO 2,862 VOTES
NO. 5 FAUST VIII 2,059 VOTES
NO. 6 MANTA OYAMADA 1,642 VOTES
NO. 7 LYSERG DIETHEL 1,567 VOTES
NO. 8 AMIDAMARU 1,466 VOTES
NO. 9 HAO ASAKURA 1,312 VOTES
NO. 10 TAO JUN 1,310 VOTES

THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST SHAMAN KING POPULARITY POLL!!
NO. 11
HIROYUKI TAKEI
899 VOTES
WHAT'S HE DOING THERE, ANYWAY?!
NO. 12
SILVA
857 VOTES
NO FAIR! THE AUTHOR KNOCKED ME DOWN ONE IN THE RANKINGS!
NO. 13
"WOODEN SWORD" RYU
595 VOTES
NO. 15
KORORO
344 VOTES
GRARR!
NO. 14
LEE BAILONG
457 VOTES
NO. 16
TAMAO
231 VOTES
NO. 17
PIRKA
198 VOTES
NO. 18
LILIRARA
144 VOTES
THE REST OF THE TOP 30 SHAMAN KING CHARACTERS ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE!!



NO. 21

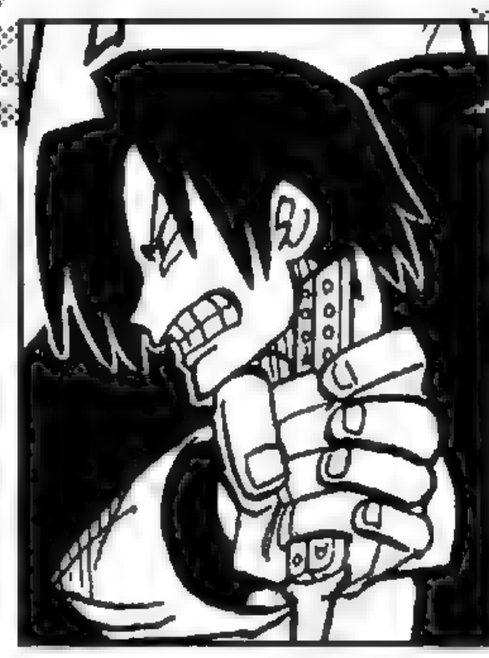
ELIZA

66 VOTES

NO. 20

PUMPKIN GIRL (OFFICIAL NAME STILL UNDETERMINED)

97 VOTES



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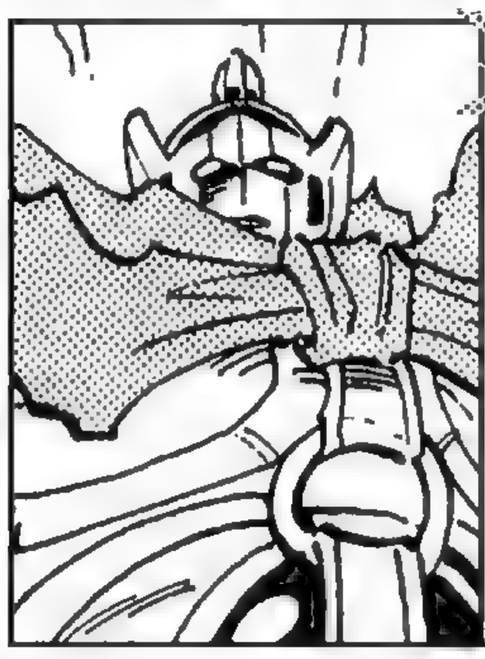
BLUE CHATEAU

107 VOTES



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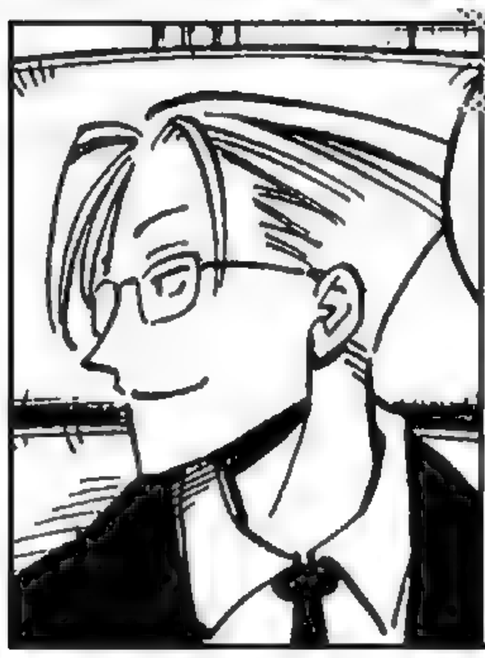
BASON

53 VOTES

NO. 22

BŌZ

58 VOTES



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TAMU-RAZAKI

44 VOTES

NO. 25

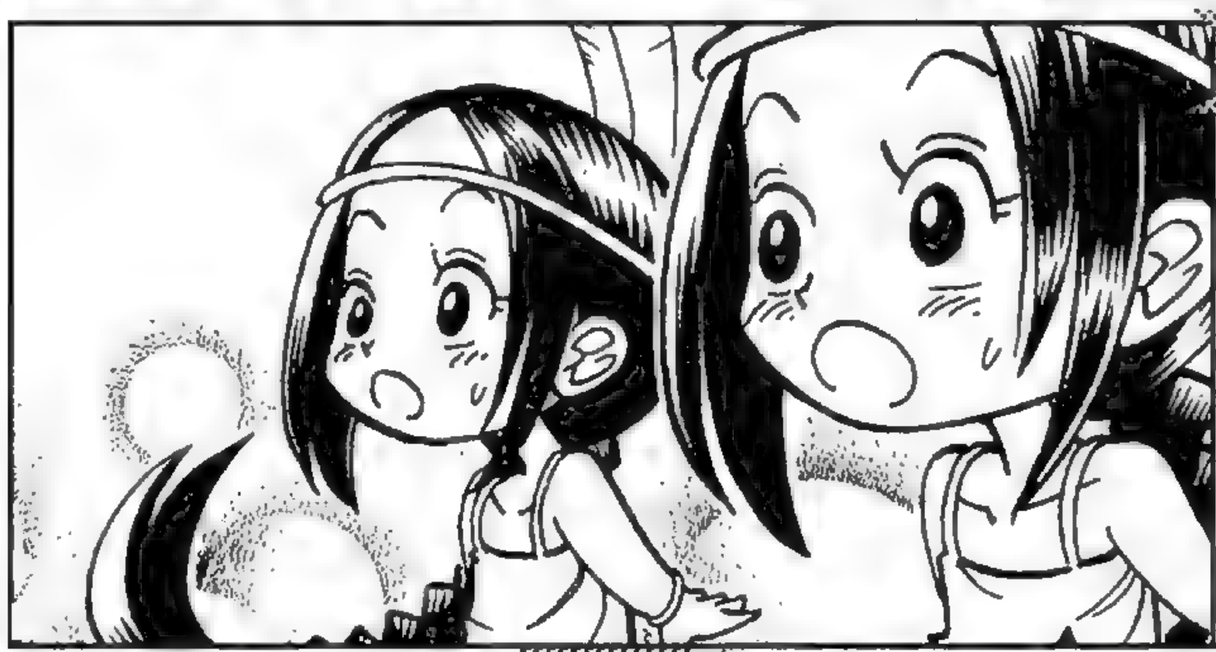
MORPHEA

49 VOTES

NO. 24

MOSUKE

52 VOTES



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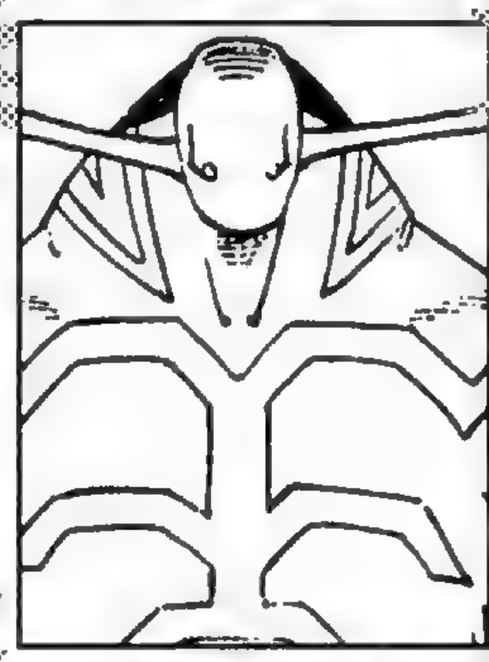
LIP & RAP

29 VOTES



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SPIRIT OF FIRE

38 VOTES

NO. 30

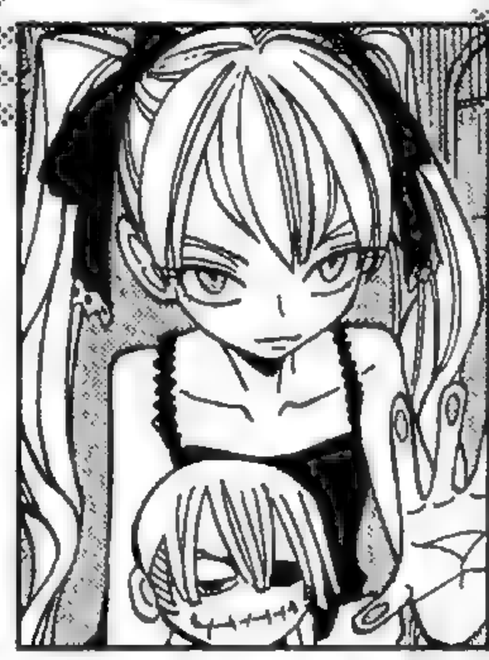
PONCHI & CONCHI

28 VOTES

NO. 30

OPACHO

28 VOTES



NO. 28

DOLL MASTER (OFFICIAL NAME STILL UNDETERMINED)

29 VOTES

COMING SOON! THE SECOND SHAMAN KING POPULARITY POLL!!

SHAMAN BREAK--A LITTLE BONUS PAGE

A LOOK AT THE MYSTERIOUS PATCH TRIBE!!

THE FIRST TRIAL IN THE MAIN COMPETITION OF THE SHAMAN FIGHT IS TO REACH THE PATCH VILLAGE WITHIN THREE MONTHS. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT WHO'S RUNNING THE SHOW!!

THE PATCH VILLAGE IS A HOLY PLACE. IS THAT WHY IT'S IN THE MIDDLE OF A WASTELAND?

The Patch

AS PART OF THE COMPETITION, THEY DROPPED THE PARTICIPANTS FROM 30,000 FEET IN THE AIR.

WHO ARE THE PATCH ANY-WAY?

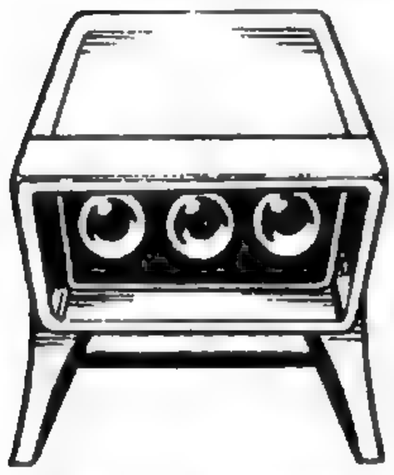
THE PATCH ARE A TRIBE OF AMERICAN INDIANS. IT'S THEIR JOB TO OFFICIATE THE SHAMAN FIGHT EVERY 500 YEARS.

THE PATCH JUMBO JET

SOMEHOW THEY CREATED THIS FOR THE SHAMAN FIGHT! NOT ONLY ARE THEY MASTERS OF NUMEROUS TRADITIONAL CRAFTS, THEY CAN MAKE A HUGE AIRPLANE OUT OF PURE MANA!!

YET THEY'RE QUITE TECHNO-LOGICALLY ADVANCED!!

DESPITE THEIR POVERTY, PATCH TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFTS ARE SURPRISINGLY HIGH-TECH.



ORACLE MONITOR

ORACLE PAGER

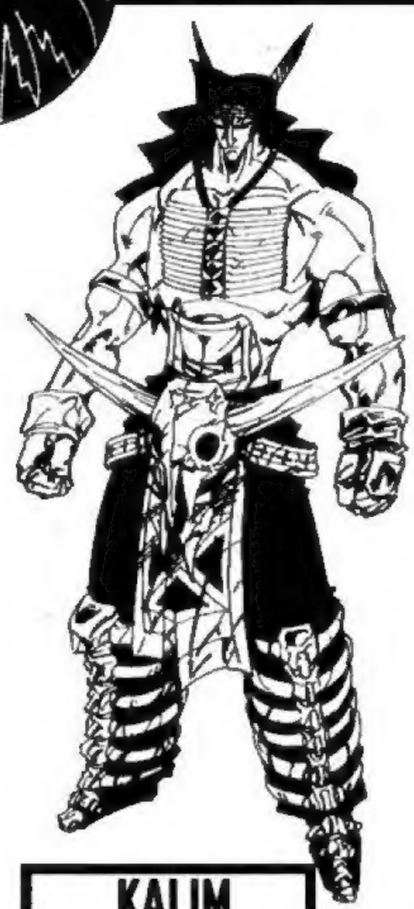
Our tribe has overseen the coming of the savior since days of old.

--Silva

BECAUSE TOKYO IS SO EXPENSIVE, THESE TWO OFFICIANTS HAD TO LIVE TOGETHER IN A RUNDOWN APARTMENT WITH NO AIR CONDITIONING.

WHY ARE THE PATCH SO POOR ?!

IT TAKES A LOT OF MONEY TO MANAGE THE SHAMAN FIGHT. THE PATCH SEEM TO BE HAVING A HARD TIME FINAN-CIALLY.



KALIM

HE'S ASSIGNED TO HOROHORO. HE'S UGLY AND GRUFF, BUT HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A GOOD GUY.

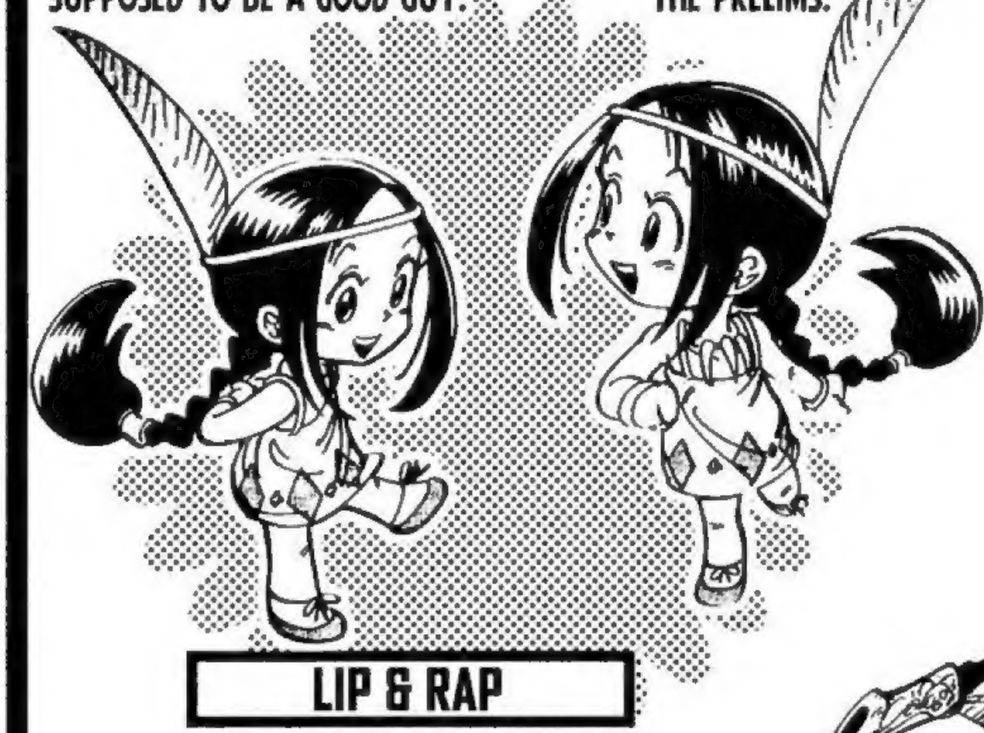
CHROM

HE WAS REN'S ORIGINAL OFFICIANT, BUT REN KILLED HIM DURING THE PRELIMS.

The Patch 2

WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE ARE THE PATCH?

THE MAIN ONES ARE THE OFFICIANTS WHO DIRECT THE SHAMAN FIGHT. EACH PARTICIPANT IS ASSIGNED AN OFFICIANT.



LIP & RAP

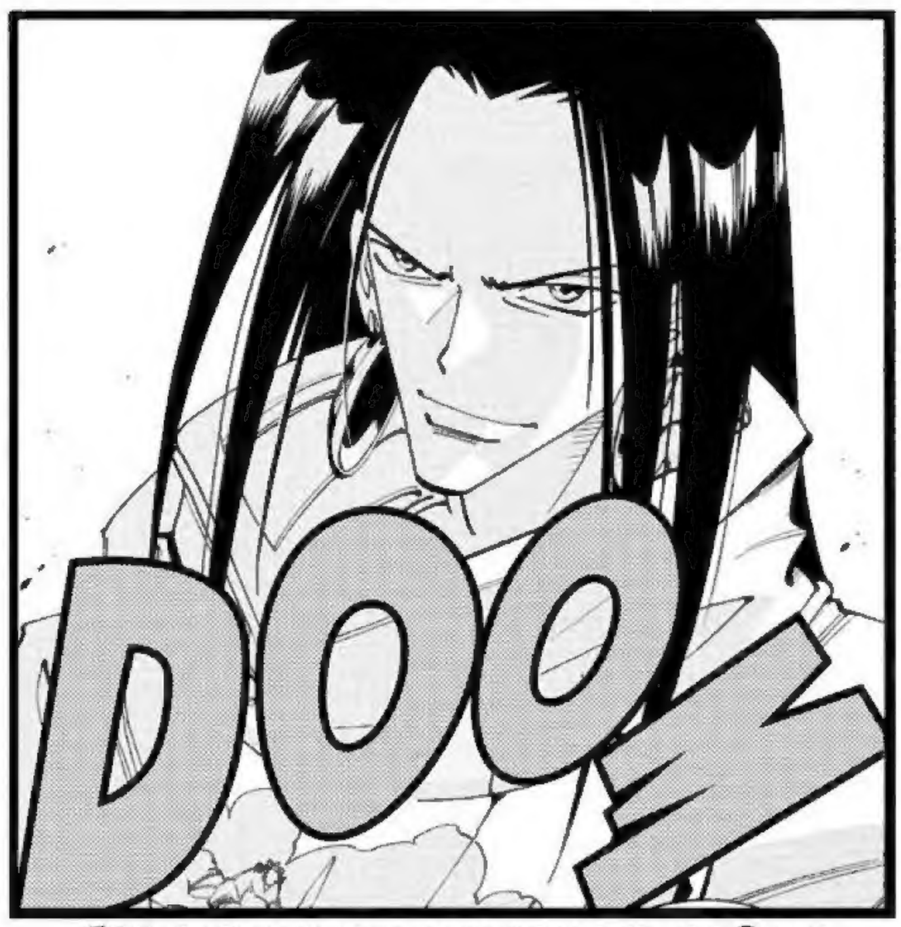
SIX-YEAR-OLD TWIN SISTERS ATTACHED TO SILVA.

SILVA

SOMETIMES HE APPEARS AS A STREET MERCHANT. SILVA IS IN CHARGE OF YOH AND "WOODEN SWORD" RYU. LATER ON HE TOOK CHARGE OF REN TOO.

GOLDVA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR OF THE SHAMAN FIGHT AND PATCH CHIEF.



500 YEARS AGO, HE WAS REINCARNATED AS A PATCH FOR THE SHAMAN FIGHT TOO. IN ORAL TRADITION HE IS REMEMBERED AS THE "PATCH DEVIL".

THE CURRENT HAO. HIS SPIRIT ALLY IS THE SEIREI-CLASS BEING SPIRIT OF FIRE.

The Patch 3

WHAT'S THE PATCH'S RELATIONSHIP TO HAO?

HAO IS THE FOREORDAINED ADVERSARY OF YOH AND THE OTHER SHAMAN FIGHT PARTICIPANTS. HE IS THE FOUNDER OF THE ASAKURA FAMILY, BUT HE REPEATEDLY REINCARNATES TO BECOME THE SHAMAN KING. FOR SOME REASON, HE IS CURRENTLY REINCARNATED AS A PATCH TRIBESMAN!! HIS TRUE OBJECTIVE REMAINS A MYSTERY.

"GO TO THE PATCH VILLAGE!!"

THE JOURNEY OF YOH AND THE OTHERS CONTINUES...

ALL ABOUT "WOODEN SWORD" RYU!!

HE HAD SOME GREAT MOVES IN THE FIGHT WITH BORIS!! LET'S EXAMINE THE MANLY CHARM OF "WOODEN SWORD" RYU.

BUT HE REMAINS A LONELY SOUL IN SEARCH OF HIS HAPPY PLACE...

RYU DOESN'T LIKE THE PEOPLE OF FUNBARI HILL! HE USED TO LEAD A GANG OF APPARENT DELINQUENTS (REALLY JUST OTHER LONELY SOULS CAST OUT FROM SOCIETY WITHOUT A HOME OF THEIR OWN). THEY CALLED EACH OTHER BY NICKNAMES AS A SIGN OF SOLIDARITY.

A MAN AMONG MEN, THE LEADER OF RYU'S GANG!!

HIS REAL NAME IS RYUNOSUKE UMEMIYA. HE'S 18 YEARS OLD, BORN ON DECEMBER 24. HIS ASTROLOGICAL SIGN IS CAPRICORN. BLOOD TYPE O. FROM FUNBARI HILL. ATTENDED BANSHO HIGH SCHOOL. WITH A WOODEN SWORD IN HIS HAND, HE FEARS NO ONE.

YOU'RE THE COOLEST, RYU!!

ACTUALLY, HE'S QUITE A GOOD COOK. HE EVEN WANTED TO BE A SUSHI CHEF FOR A WHILE.

RYU WIELDING THE SUSHI KNIFE FOR YOH AND ANNA. HE LOOKS GREAT IN THAT CHEF'S OUTFIT!!

HE'S SURPRISINGLY HANDSOME WITHOUT THE POMPADOUR!

HE LOOKS SO DIFFERENT, EVEN HIS GANG WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM.

THE BEST SCENES ARE THE ONES WHERE HIS POMPADOUR GETS LOPPED OFF!

THOUGH RYU TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN HIS FANCY COIF, IT TENDS TO GET CUT OFF WHEN HE FIGHTS. IT ALSO CHANGES SHAPE A LOT!!

THE HAPPY PLACE

A PLACE WHERE ONE FINDS TRUE PEACE OF MIND. BUT THE HAPPY PLACE IS NOT NECESSARILY A LOCATION--IT CAN BE A STATE OF MIND OR EVEN ANOTHER PERSON. AT ONE TIME, RYU EVEN FOUND THIS HAPPY PLACE AT ANNA'S!

"WOODEN SWORD" RYU'S ROAD TO SHAMAN-HOOD!!

GETTING POSSESSED BY TOKAGERO!!

ONCE TOKAGERO, THE GHOST OF AN ANCIENT BANDIT WITH A GRUDGE AGAINST AMIDAMARU, POSSESSED RYU. HOWEVER, THIS INCIDENT AWAKENED RYU'S SHAMANIC POWERS!

MEETING YOH!!

RYU WAS THE FIRST OPPONENT YOH FOUGHT AFTER HE CAME TO TOKYO. YOH BEAT HIM UP AFTER RYU ATTACKED MANTA. TALK ABOUT BAD FIRST IMPRESSIONS!!

AND... PARTICIPATING IN THE SHAMAN FIGHT!!

HEADING FOR IZUMO WITH MANTA!!

WHEN MANTA WENT TO IZUMO TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOH, RYU DROVE HIM THERE ON HIS MOTORCYCLE--LIKE A BAT OUT OF HELL! HIS POMPADOUR-STYLE HELMET IS SO COOL!!

IN IZUMO, UNDER THE TUTELAGE OF YOH'S GRANDFATHER, YOHMEI, RYU'S SHAMANIC POWERS BLOOMED!! HE EASILY PASSED THE QUALIFICATION ROUND OF THE SHAMAN FIGHT!

WITH HIS DEADLY ATTACK, THE HELL-DRAGON SCARLET LIZARD, RYU IS DETERMINED TO BECOME THE SHAMAN KING!!

RYU'S SPIRIT ALLY TOKAGERO

A 600-YEAR-OLD BANDIT GHOST. WHEN IT COMES TO CUNNING, HE'S AN ACE. SINCE THEY BOTH USED TO BE VILLAINS, TOKAGERO AND RYU ARE WELL SUITED TO EACH OTHER!!

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